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CANTON PICKET OUTRAGE.

RUSSIANS AND CHINESE WOUNDED.

MOTOR BOAT FIRED AT.

The story of the wounding of two "White" Russians and five Chinese who were fired on by pickets whilst in a motor boat at Canton is told in a message from our correspondent and reports from other sources to-day.

The motor boat was one employed in a service between the Shamshien and river steamers, and the pickets, who were in a sampan, held up the craft and fired at least fifty rifle shots at the occupants. The two wounded Russians have been brought to Hongkong for treatment and are now patients at the Government Civil Hospital.

Writing under date of yesterday, the Telegraph's Canton correspondent states that the strike pickets have added yet another crime to their list of outrages. On Wednesday night, at about 8 o'clock, one of Mr. Banbury's motor boats was proceeding in the direction of Pauk Hok Tung when, on nearing its destination opposite Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's grounds, a number of sampans surrounded the motor boat and opened rifle fire on the unarmed boat. Some fifty shots were fired, but the motor boat managed to get back to Shamshien.

TWO WOUNDED.
The motor boat must have had a narrow escape, for it was in the midst of a fusillade of shots for some time. The steering wheel was damaged, and two Russian occupants were wounded. The man at the steering wheel was shot in the arm just below the shoulder and nearly bled to death before he reached one of the British gunboats off Shamshien. The other man was shot in the thigh, receiving a nasty flesh wound, and he also suffered from considerable loss of blood. Both of the men were later put aboard the s.s. Fatshan for Hongkong.

Later.
It transpires that the two wounded men are "White" Russians in the employ of Mr. Banbury, who and the members of his staff are to be commended for their pluck in maintaining a boat service, without which many of the foreign community would be marooned on Shamshien.

The whole foreign community, says our correspondent, are greatly incensed by this act of violence, and many of the Chinese are openly expressing their abhorrence at the lawlessness of the strikers.

CHINESE WOUNDED.

A report from another source states that in addition to the two Russians, five Chinese passengers on board the motor boat were wounded during the firing, one of these being a girl. They are stated to have been taken aboard a British gunboat later for treatment.

Mr. Banbury, who is a Canadian, has been agent in Canton for Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, and since the boycott he has been maintaining a service of motor boats, which ply between Shamshien and the river steamers.

THE "RED" RUSSIANS.

The "Red" Russians at the other end of the city are passing through some strange experience, adds our correspondent. They are being specially protected by armed guards, and the people say they are prisoners and will be sent back to Russia by a special steamer which will not call at any other Chinese port than Canton.

Handbills and posters about the city make it quite clear that the Kuomintang is being split by differences of opinion, and the leaders of the movement realise that their position is becoming insecure by the split, which is dividing their

TWO CHINESE VILLAGES SACKED.

SEQUEL TO OLD CLAN FEUDS.

BANDITS EMPLOYED.

News has reached the Colony of the sacking and burning of two villages in the district of Tseng Seng, Kwangtung province, not at the instigation of bandits, although many of these were employed to carry out the work of destruction.

The two villages concerned are inhabited respectively by the Ng and Yuen clans, who have been at open enmity for many years. It appears that some time ago Yuen Har-kow, the notorious brigand chief of a large gang operating in the districts of Tungkoon, Pok Le and Tseng Seng, who, according to tradition, is considered a member of the Yuen family, was besought by the Yuen clan's village to take vengeance on the Ng clan. The latter, although fewer in number, are more prosperous and better armed, and consequently all past clan fights have resulted always in their favour. Acting on the appeal, Yuen Har-kow, with his gang of followers, raided and burnt every house of the Ng clan, killing about one hundred persons, the rest seeking shelter in other villages. This incident was reported to the Canton Government, and deputies were sent to bring about a satisfactory settlement, but to no purpose.

As the remaining members of the Ng clan were scattered in various villages and could not commence rebuilding their homesteads, they took matters into their own hands and paid a high price to another large gang of bandits, headed by Chan Kum, to carry out greater destructive reprisals on the Yuen clan with the result that over two hundred persons were killed and the large village of seven hundred houses burnt to the ground.

It is said that both clans have now chosen places of abode far distant from each other.

FALSE PRETENCES.

ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SACK OF RICE.

An attempt to obtain a sack of rice, valued at \$18.12, from a rice shop at 31, Cochran Street, by false pretences, resulted in a Chinese being charged before Major Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

It appeared that the defendant ordered a sack of rice, and two foks took the sack with the defendant to the Mercantile Bank of India, where the defendant said he would pay for it. He kept the foks there for some time without paying, and eventually one returned to his master, who visited the place. He arrived in time to stop another man from taking the sack away. Both the defendant and the stranger tried to run away, and the rice was taken back to the shop. The stranger escaped.

The defendant said he bought the sack for a friend, but he was unable to find his friend.

He was sent to prison for a month.

MORE DOG BITES.

TWO CASES YESTERDAY.

Attacks by dogs suspected of suffering from rabies were mentioned in this morning's official reports of the police department. Poon Shui-lun, stated to be a student at the Hongkong University, was bitten yesterday by a dog belonging to a Chinese living at D'Aguiar Street. He was examined and treated by Professor Anderson of the University.

An animal belonging to Mr. Staples, of No. 64, Mount Parish, attacked and bit a Chinese in the face yesterday. The victim was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

In each case, the dogs were removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

FIRE BRIGADE.

INSURANCE MEETING COMMENTS.

EUROPEANS NEEDED

The urgent necessity of remedying the serious deficiency in the Colony's fire-fighting services in regard to the lack of adequate European firemen, was stressed at this morning's meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, at which Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided. There were also present:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. H. P. White (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, A. Denton, J. Arnold, G. V. Osmund, C. Savard Remedios, Ho Leung, R. L. Bridger, A. H. M. da Silva, and J. H. Seth (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.
The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts having now been in your hands for the prescribed number of days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read. It is with considerable pleasure that your General Managers and Consulting Committee are able to place before you such a satisfactory Account as that for the year 1924, and our best thanks are due to all those who have so loyally afforded us their support in the difficult days that are past. However, insurance business has its bleak moments like every other factor in the Commercial world, and competition is becoming so severe that it is difficult to see what the future has in store. Still, I trust we may rely on the continued support of our friends who have given us their business in the past and helped to build up the Company into its present sound position.

To return to the account for the year 1924, I would point out that the balance of \$534,656.09 is the third best in the history of the Company. The net premium received is the highest by nearly \$100,000 as also is the income from interest by approximately \$26,000. The ratio of losses and expenses work out at 43.25 per cent. and 38.51 per cent. respectively as against 40.04 per cent. and 37.37 per cent. for the year 1923. The rate of exchange at which the accounts are shown is 5/8 of a penny higher than last year and, small as this may seem, it makes a very considerable difference in converting our sterling figures into Hongkong dollars.

The balance at credit of Working Account for 1925 is \$590,782.41, or approximately \$77,000 better than the previous year at the same period. The after twelve months' working. This is the more satisfactory in view of the fall in premium income of about \$40,000, as compared with 1924. This shrinkage in income was anticipated by us but we are hopeful that a full recovery will be achieved in the year now current.

The account for 1925 has got a further twelve months to run but, with the carry forward as shown, we are reasonably confident that we shall be able to present to you a healthy final outturn at this time next year.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$534,656.09, and we recommend the payment of a dividend of 33s. per share, an increase of 3s. on last year's, absorbing \$304,000, the appropriation of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund; and that the balance of \$130,656.09, at 2/4%—\$15,447.73, be carried to the credit of Reinsurance Fund. The Reserve Fund will then stand at \$2,100,000 and the Reinsurance Fund at \$213,904.97.

All our reserves are in a satisfactory condition, the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account (Continued on Page 2)

BUSINESS MEN AND PEANUTS.

POLICE ACTION AGAINST RAVAGES.

A CITY NUISANCE.

Recent complaints by business men of annoyance caused by hawkers crying out their wares in Pedder Street and the vicinity of the Hongkong Hotel, resulted in three Chinese appearing before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sergt. Nollath said complaints had been received and ventilated in the local press about such annoyances. He explained that defendants had been previously warned, but no action had been taken on account of their age. It was not so much the noise they made, but the peculiarity of their cry. He suggested that a warning from the Bench would prove sufficient.

Two of the defendants were stated to be selling peanuts, and Major Willson warned them to keep away from the business vicinity. He added that business men had other things to think of than buying peanuts.

In the third case the defendant was a cripple, and had no licence to hawk. Sergt. Nollath said he could not get enough money to pay for a licence, otherwise he would be granted one. A certain number of licences were kept for those unable to work, and it was better they should have them than able-bodied men.

Major Willson decided that money should be taken from the Poor Box to provide this defendant with a licence.

WORKMEN INJURED.

MISHAP ON RECLAMATION WORKS.

In regard to the report, appearing on another page, of a serious accident at North Point yesterday morning, which resulted in three workmen of the Netherlands Harbour Works being sent to hospital with injuries of a serious nature, subsequent investigations have disclosed that the report was erroneous as far as the cause of the mishap was concerned.

It is now known that in operations connected with the pouring of concrete into a mould, work undertaken in connection with the reclamation scheme at Tsat Tze Mui—the tackle and gear of what is technically termed the "concrete blading tower" fell, owing to a faulty hook straightening out. The whole mass dropped down a distance of some twenty feet, bringing three workmen to the ground. One died from his injuries some hours after admission into the Government Civil Hospital, while the condition of the other two victims is regarded as serious.

COAL PROBLEM.

OWNERS AND MINERS MEET.

Rugby, March 25.
The coal owners and miners have lost no time in entering upon the consideration of points on which they must agree between themselves before the Premier's promise to give effect to the Coal Commission's report becomes operative.

The Executives of both parties met separately to-day for preliminary consultation and they came together in a joint conference this afternoon.

The Miners' Executive invited proposals from the coalowners, but after a brief discussion it was agreed to adjourn the meeting to enable both sides to survey the situation. (Continued on Page 2)

FREEDOM OF LONDON.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN HONOURED.

HIS FAITH IN THE LEAGUE.

On the occasion of his having the Freedom of the City of London conferred on him, Sir Austen Chamberlain made a lengthy speech on the League of Nations, claiming that it had emerged from the events at Geneva not merely unharmed but strengthened. Compromise, he said, must be the spirit of the League, and anyone trying to make it a Super-State would destroy it.

In a glowing tribute to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Baldwin said Sir Austen was working for the peace of Europe as his father had worked for the Empire, adding that he was the best friend of the League in Europe.

London, March 25.
Sir Austen Chamberlain was to-day presented with the Freedom of the City. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Amery, the High Commissioners of the Dominions and India, and nine Ambassadors were among those present.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was ovated, and in a speech claimed that the work of Locarno had emerged not merely unharmed but strengthened from Geneva. He did not doubt that with goodwill the difficulty of reconciling the rights of each democracy in its own country with the spirit of the League would be solved.—Reuter.

SIR AUSTEN'S SPEECH.

Rugby, March 25.
In the course of his speech Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Treaty of Locarno was due to no one nation. It was the result of the effective co-operation of many men and many nations. Let them remember that the first start upon the path which led them there was taken by two great and far-seeing German statesmen and was brought to its fruition by the generous and broadminded policy of a Great Frenchman. "It is true," proceeded Sir Austen Chamberlain, "that in the last week a cloud had passed across the Locarno sun. Difficulties—unexpected difficulties—arose at Geneva in the way of a consummation of our work. The strength of its foundations and the reality of purpose lying behind it were all submitted to a sudden and severe test. It is some consolation to think that the work emerged not merely unharmed but strengthened, and that the feeling which had brought us to Locarno and which informed our discussions there, was fortified by every obstacle that we encountered, and that if there was one thing clearer than another as the result of the conversations, secret or public, that took place at Geneva it was that the seven great nations who had sealed a pact of peace were determined to keep their word to pursue their policy and allow no unexpected interruption to impede the good work in which they were engaged. When all the difficulties among ourselves had been removed, when we had agreed upon a proposal to fulfil our peaceful policy and, when, nevertheless, we were unable to secure that unanimity in the Council which is the fundamental basis of the existence of the League, I claimed in the first instance, my disappointment that it was a tragedy. I think I may say that the League has emerged from this crisis stronger than ever."

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE.
In toasting Sir Austen Chamberlain at a subsequent luncheon in the Mansion House, Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed great respect and deep affection for Sir Austen. He dwelt on the drudgery of the Foreign Secretary trying to solve "a perpetual jig-saw puzzle with live pieces, each one of which, when he thinks he has got it in its place, gets up and runs away the moment his back is turned. Sir Austen Chamberlain was working for the peace of Europe just as his father worked for the Empire. His work had received a temporary setback but the faults that had been committed would be wiped out in the Autumn. (Cheers). Sir Austen Chamberlain was making the League of Nations an integral part of the foreign policy of Britain, and he was the best friend of the League in Europe.—(Cheers).—Reuter.

Rugby, March 25.
It is understood that the first meeting of the League of Nations Commission, which was set up to consider questions relating to the future constitution of the League Council, will be held in Geneva on May 10th. It will consist of ten members representing the States on the Council and five members representing Argentina, Germany, China, Poland and Switzerland.
The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee on Disarmament, at which Britain will be represented by Lord Cullen, is held at May 10th.—Reuter.

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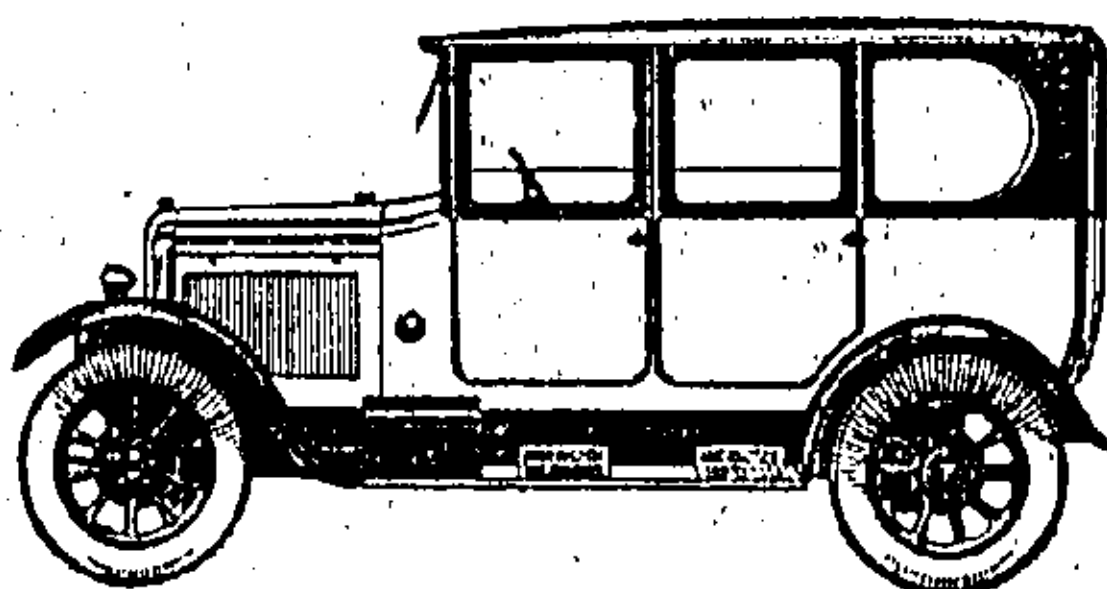
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An impressive demonstration of the capabilities of the new fire float, built to the order of the Government by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, was given at the presence of Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Superintendent of the Fire Brigade), Captain Bloxham (Assistant Superintendent of Police), Mr. R. M. Austen (Chief of the Volunteer Fire Brigade), Mr. H. T. Brooks (Superintendent of the Fire Brigade), representatives of the Jardins Engineering Corporation (Agents for Messrs. Merryweather of London), and members of the Dock Staff.

For the purposes of the test, the fire float was moored in No. 1 Dock which was left open to allow of a free supply of water. After an examination of the vessel had been carried out, the pumps were brought into operation and the monitors installed on each side of the vessel aft, were brought into use. Within two minutes, the maximum nozzle pressure had been attained and two jets were playing on the face of the rock that lies at the end of the dock, to a height of 125 feet. With no noticeable reduction in pressure, the water tower was then turned on and a third jet was forced up to the same height.

The jets concentrated on the cliff face of such power, that erosion immediately set in and the flow of expended water brought down with it, gravel, stones and even small rocks. Boulders of limestone were flaked bare within a few minutes and the names of ships, painted high up, where the artists had thought them safe from vandal hands, were peeled off in less time than it takes to tell.

The monitors and the water tower were controlled from the deck level and the streams were directed at will by the mere turning of a hand wheel. The water tower was elevated to a height of 30 feet with just as much ease and when later, four four-inch pipe lines were laid out from the base of one of the monitors, there was approximately 3,500 gallons of water per minute being pumped to well over 100 feet, sufficient to douse any fire on shore or afloat that the Hongkong Brigade might be called upon to deal with.

The performance was extremely satisfying throughout and the spectators were duly impressed by the power developed and with the ease with which the jets could be controlled. After all the appliances had been tested out singly and collectively, a halt was called for tiffin and the very necessary change into dry clothes by all who were witnesses of the display.

Afternoon Test.
During the afternoon the float was shifted to a greater distance from the cliff and the extreme length of pipe line laid out, approximately 4,000 feet. The pump equipment worked quite as smoothly and with as excellent results as had, attended the forenoon's demonstration.

The greatest credit is due to the Hongkong Whampoa Dock Company for having turned out such a valuable and serviceable addition to the fire-fighting equipment of the Colony, which is not only the best test of Suez, but is in a class much superior to that used on the Thames by the London Fire Brigade and will compare very favourably with any of the appliances at present in use by the waterfront forces in the United States.

The dimensions of the new float are 101 feet in length overall, 95 feet between perpendiculars, 23 feet beam and 9.6 moulded depth. She is fitted with Babcock and Wilcox oil-fired boilers and is equipped with two Merryweather pumps having capacity of 4,000 gallons, throwing jets totalling 20 tons per minute at 150 pounds pressure. A total of 11 jets can be brought into play, by means of two monitors, each with four four-inch hose

ROYAL ENGINEER DANCE.

ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT
R. E. THEATRE.

Carnival Next Month.

In keeping with the spirit of hospitality extended by the Royal Engineers during the present dancing season, a special invitation dance was given by the Officers, Warrant Officers and the members of the Sergeants Mess to their numerous patrons in the R. E. Theatre on Wednesday evening. Dancing commenced at 8.30, and by 9.30 over 200 guests were present, amongst whom were noticed Lt.-Col. Mackintosh, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Trevelyan, Major and Mrs. Alabaster, Major, Lewis and many other officers of the garrison. Excellent music was rendered by the Jazz Band of H.M.S. Vindictive, and such numbers as the Lancers, Boston Two Step, and Valets, although termed old fashioned in these days of the incomparable fox trot, were thoroughly enjoyed by all, the floor space being taxed to its utmost limits by the numbers taking part in the Lancers.

A spot waltz, which took place in the first part of the programme, was won by Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Blackman, both of whom were presented with suitable gifts by Mrs. Trevelyan.

The Theatre was most tastefully decorated with flags, plants, and paper streamers, picked out in the R. E. colours, the stage being fitted up as a lounge, and the lights covered with Chinese lanterns, the whole giving a delightful effect. The Committee responsible for the dance, and to whom much credit is due, were S. M. Hewett, Staff Sergeant Waller, Sergeant Swinson and Corporal Clews.

The last dance to be given by the R.E. W.O.s and Sergeants Mess this season, will be a Carnival and Fancy Dress Dance on the 10th April, when it is hoped to wind up a successful season with a bumper night.

IRON AND STEEL.

A BIG EUROPEAN
COMBINATION.

Apportioned Quotas.

London, March 25.
Protracted consultations by European steel interests have resulted, according to the *Daily News* correspondent at Berlin, in a far-reaching "rails cartel," eliminating competition and apportioning quotas of export of rails, as follows:—Britain 43 per cent., France and Germany together 40 per cent., Belgium 10½ per cent., and Luxembourg 6½ per cent.

It is stated that negotiations will shortly be opened for a larger iron international, for the control of the entire production of iron and steel.—*Reuter*.

connections in the base and a water tower which extends to the height of 40 feet above the deck level. On trial the float attained a speed of 10.31 knots being 31 above that contracted for.

On test yesterday, it was ascertained that the maximum efficiency was attained by the use of two-inch jets from the monitors and water tower, and quadrupled four-inch pipe lines. With these all working, there was no appreciable diminution in the pressure and the jets in all cases reached their highest culminating point. With such results, fires which might occur in the highest buildings at present erected in the Colony, could be controlled with ease in such places as the float could be brought to within 4,000 feet of the scene.

NORTHERN CONFLICT.

PEACE PARLEY NOW
IN SIGHT.

Kuominchun Manoeuvres.

Shanghai, March 25.
It was rumoured on the night of the 23rd that the Kuominchun troops refused to maintain order at Peking, or to support Tuan Chi-jui. Wong Tze-chun saw Tuan Chi-jui the next morning with General Lu Chung-lin. They stated that they would be responsible for the maintenance of order in the capital, and hoped that the Government would take definite measures to deal with Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu. In the meantime they would not abandon Peking.

They also trusted that the Government would give the question of finance its special attention. Tuan Chi-jui replied that he had sent Wang Shi-chun to Tientsin to prevent the advance of the allied troops, and that Tsai Ting-kon had been despatched to confer with the Commissioner of Customs about the arrangement of a new loan.

The leaders of the First Kuominchun Army, have wired to Wong Tze-chun observing that, in deference to the wishes of the mediators, the Kuominchun Army has withdrawn, but whether all parties are acting similarly is difficult to gauge. They ask that Wong again urge the other parties to comply.

Wong Tze-chun has forwarded the cable to Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu, and Chang Tso-lin has replied saying that, since the Kuominchun Army has withdrawn, the Fengtien troops will stop at Tongshan, and all reconstruction measures will be left to the Peace Conference for settlement.

Tuan Chi-jui intends to issue a mandate giving Wong Tze-chun full power to arrange peace.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

RECLAMATION FATALITY.

COOLIE KILLED: TWO
OTHERS INJURED.

Landslide at Quarry Bay.

An accident involving the death of one Chinese coolie and serious injury to two others occurred yesterday morning at the reclamation work which is proceeding near Quarry Bay.

Little is known at present regarding the circumstances, but it appears that these men were working at the top of the hill which is being demolished. While they were at work a landslide occurred just above them, and before they could make their escape it caught them and carried them helplessly to the bottom of the hill.

There they were buried by heavy masses of earth and stone, and it required considerable labour on the part of the other coolies on the spot to clear the slide and extricate the unfortunate men. When this was done, it was found that one man was dead and the others seriously injured. They were taken as quickly as possible to the Government Civil Hospital, and their injuries attended to.

BAN ON DANCING.

JAPANESE FORCE ACTION.

Tokyo, March 25.
The Anti Dance Bill has not been enacted owing to pressure of business in the Diet, which is attempting to adjourn to-morrow, but the police, it is stated, are probably closing all dance halls and restricting foreign dancing in all public places.—*Reuter*.

THE MYSTERY SHIP.

PROVES TO BE PIRATED
CHINESE VESSEL.

Hard-Weather to Blas Bay.

It has been learned that the vessel which passed Hongkong a fortnight ago without answering signals and which was afterwards searched for by H. M. S. Durban, was the Chinese owned vessel Ting On of Canton.

As was suspected at the time, she had been pirated. When sighted by Waglan, she was endeavouring to make Blas Bay, under instructions from the chief of the band, but in this she was prevented, owing to the heavy weather, her best speed being six knots.

The chief of the pirates ordered her to sea again and another attempt was made to reach the stronghold on the following day, without success. A third attempt was successful, after another 24 hours lapse and the pirates landed their booty without interference. The value of cargo and personal effects which were taken cannot be ascertained.

The master of the vessel is a Russian and when pirated, he was threatened with revolvers, asked if he was a Britisher and if he could speak English. When he replied in the negative, he was freed and was allowed full run of the ship, although kept under surveillance.

During the three days cruising up and down the coast, H. M. S. Durban was never once sighted.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

TWO LOTS IN KOWLOON
SOLD YESTERDAY.

Hunghom and Tsim Shatsui
Properties.

There was very slow bidding at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon when two lots in Kowloon were put up for sale by the auctioneer, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa. Both lots were knocked down to Mr. Wong Pun for a total of \$13,800.

Lot No. 1 consisted of Hung Hom Inland Lot No. 176 together with the erection thereon known as No. 103 Wuhu Street. The area is 750 square feet.

The bidding was opened at \$6,000 and after being gradually increased to \$7,000 the lot was sold to Mr. Wong.

The second lot comprised No. 572 Canton Road, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 235. The lot consists of an area 750 square feet.

For this lot Mr. Wong paid \$6,800, the up-set price being \$6,000. Nos. 60, 62 and 64 Yu Chau Street, Shamshuipo, which were to have been sold by Mr. Lammert, were not put up for sale.

PEKING APPOINTMENTS.

NEW FOREIGN MINISTER.

Peking, March 25.
A mandate appoints Hu Wei-tel as Foreign Minister vice Dr. W. W. Yen, whose resignation is accepted. Telephonic communication with Tientsin has been interrupted since yesterday.—*Reuter*.

(Mr. Hu Wei-tel acted in a similar capacity temporarily in 1912. He was Minister to Russia in 1904, Junior Councillor, Board of Foreign Affairs, 1907; Minister to Japan, 1908; Junior Vice-President, Board of Foreign Affairs in May, 1910, and acting Minister of Finance in 1911. Later he was appointed acting Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Republican Government pending the arrival from Europe of Lu Cheng-hsiang, and subsequently served as Minister to France, Spain, Portugal and Japan. He was appointed Vice-Chairman, Committee on Foreign Intercourse, in May, 1923).

CONSTABLE SENTENCED.

LEAVING POST WHILE ON
DUTY.

Plea of Illness.

A Shantung constable was charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday with misconduct by absenting himself from his post of duty.

Evidence was given showing that the defendant was stationed at a traffic post opposite Blake Pier and absented himself at various times on three successive days. On one occasion he was seen chatting to other Chinese on Blake Pier, and on another a European Police Officer saw defendant leave his post and walk towards the Star Ferry.

Defendant said he had been feeling ill, and it was necessary for him to leave his post. His record, which was described as "rather bad," showed that defendant had been in the force about two years, and during that time had been reported a dozen times for one thing or another.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

BRAZILIAN TRAGEDY.

PROBABLE ORIGIN.

Rio de Janeiro, March 25.
It is now believed that the death roll in the Paes de Carvalho disaster is thirty-eight. It is probably an unparalleled disaster, considering it occurred fifteen hundred miles inland.

The origin is ascribed to a smoker in a third class cabin accidentally setting fire to his mattress, which he tried to throw overboard. The flames caught some tins of petrol and reached a quantity of powder, which exploded, wrecking the steamer.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BOMBING PLANES COLLIDE.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, March 25.
A report from Tsuchiura naval flying ground states that two bombing machines collided in mid air this morning whilst exercising.

A subaltern and petty officer were killed, and a sailor seriously injured. Another escaped uninjured, though both planes were wrecked.

This is the sixth fatal naval or military air accident since the New Year.—*Reuter*.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

FOG SIGNAL AT HUICHUEN
POINT.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Harbour Administration at Tsingtao under date March 15:

Notice is hereby given that the fog horn attached to the red conical gas lighted buoy No. 12, located in Latitude 36.22' N., Longitude 120.19' E., at a distance of four cables S. W. of Huichuen Point in the harbour of Tsingtao, will be sounded continuously from April 1 until July 31 for a period of four months.

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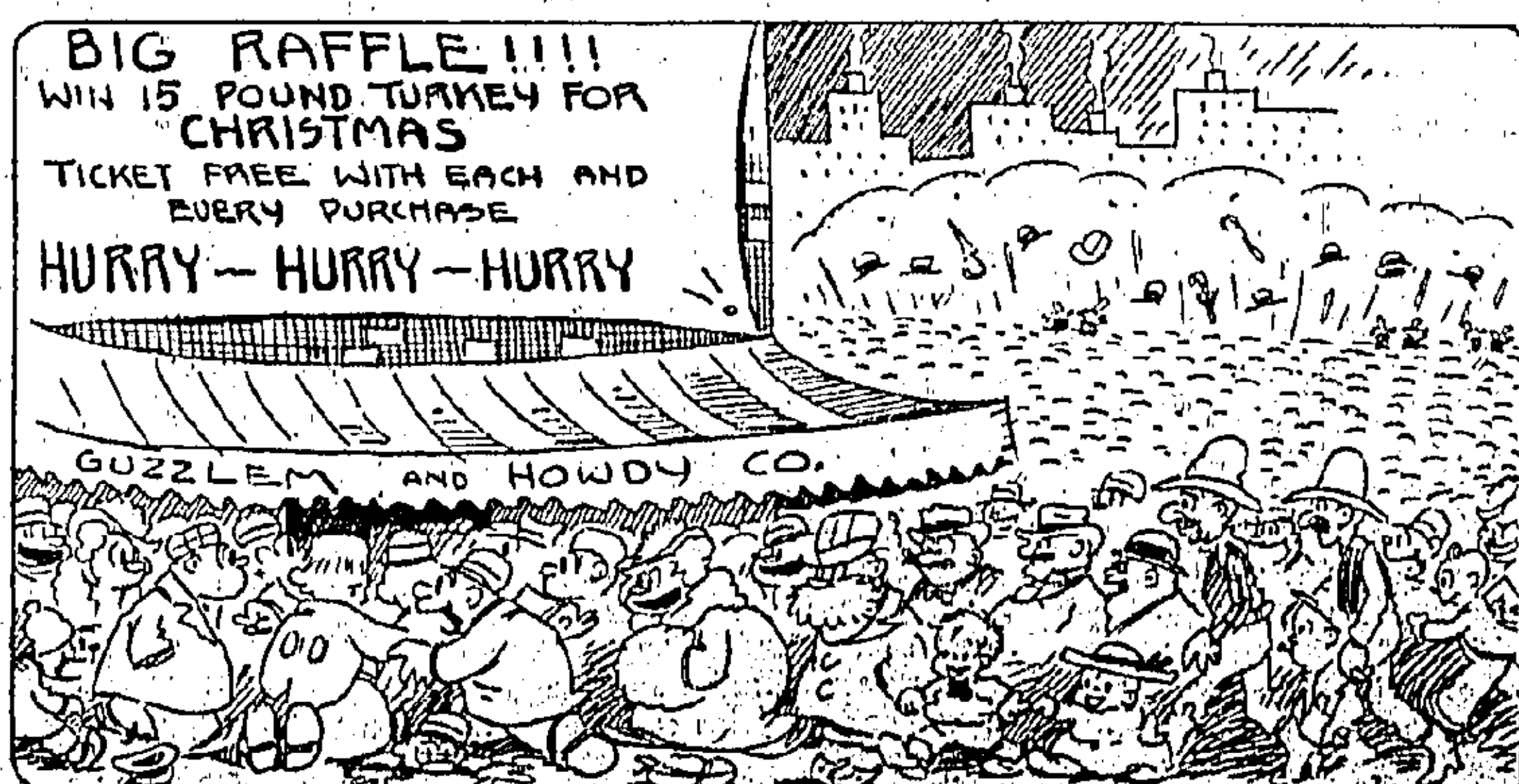
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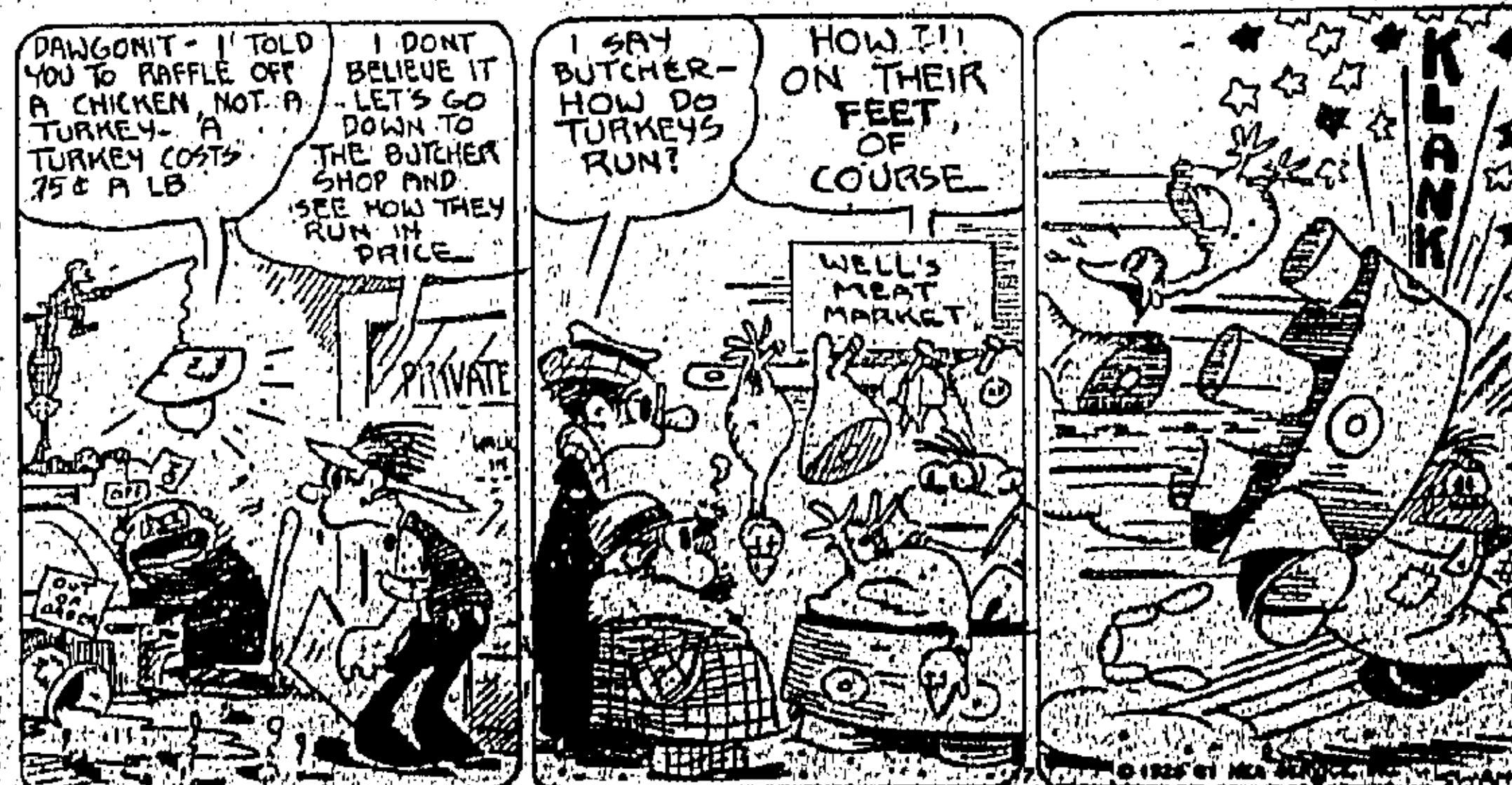
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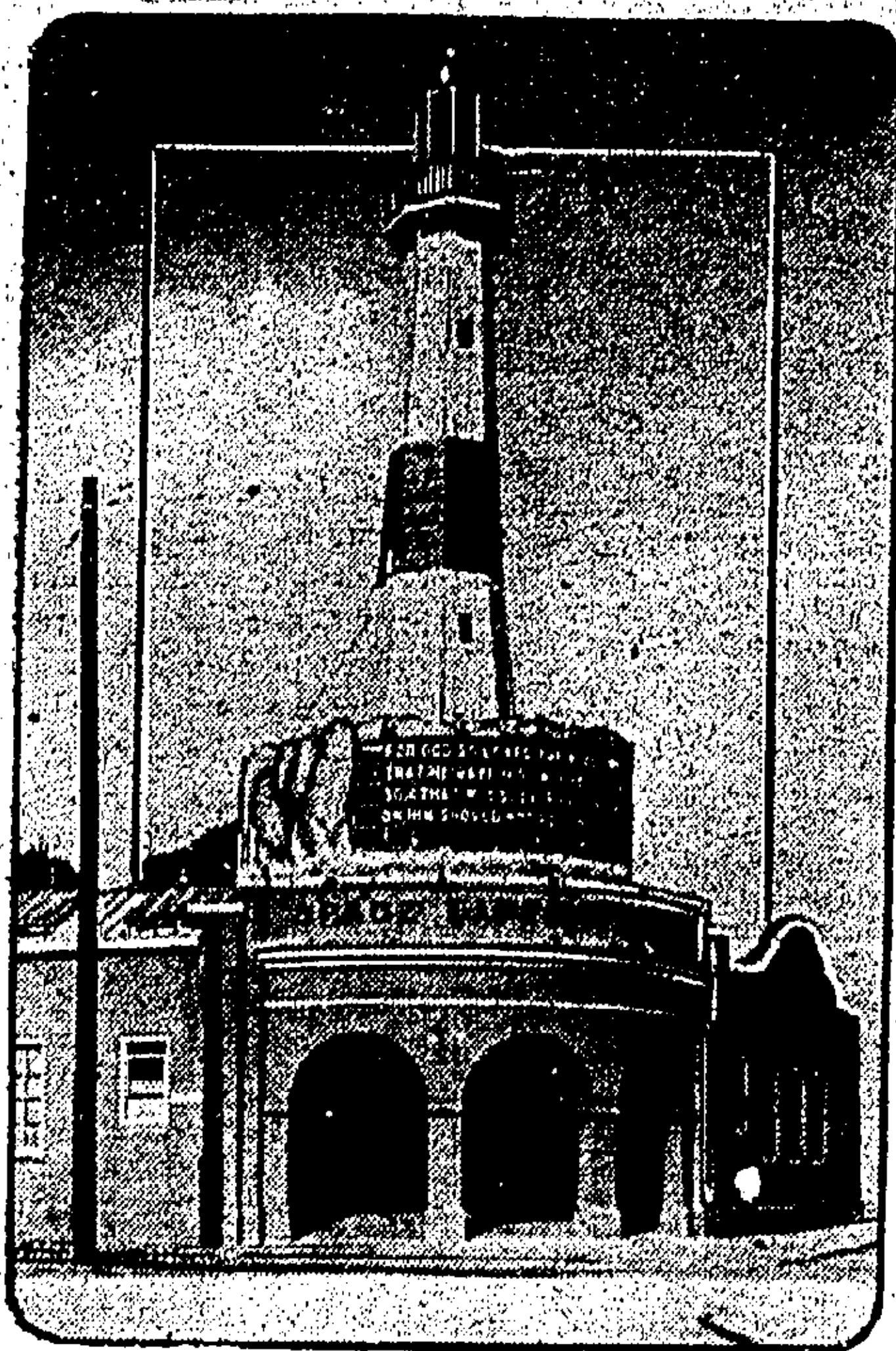


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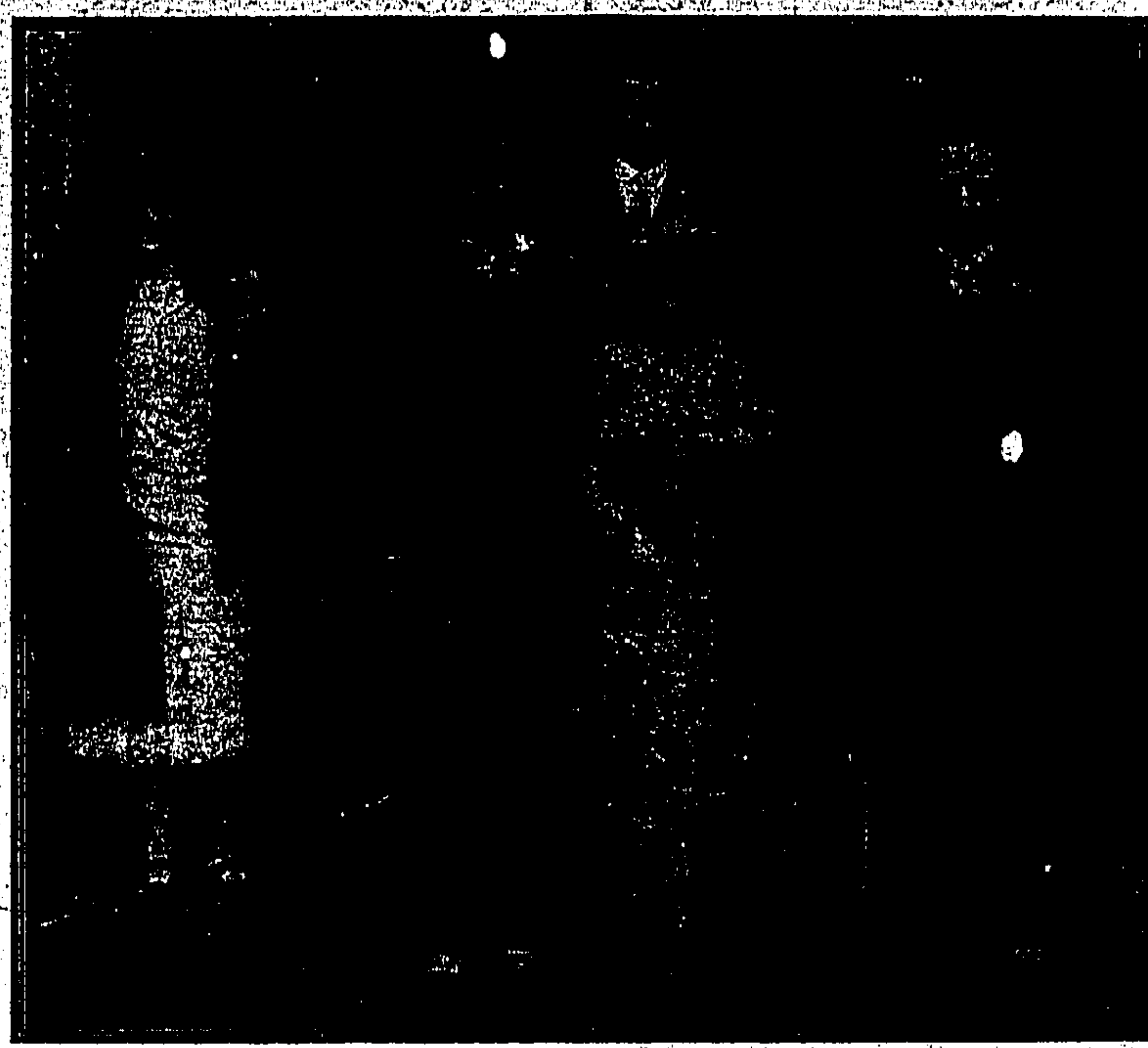


A Novel Church.



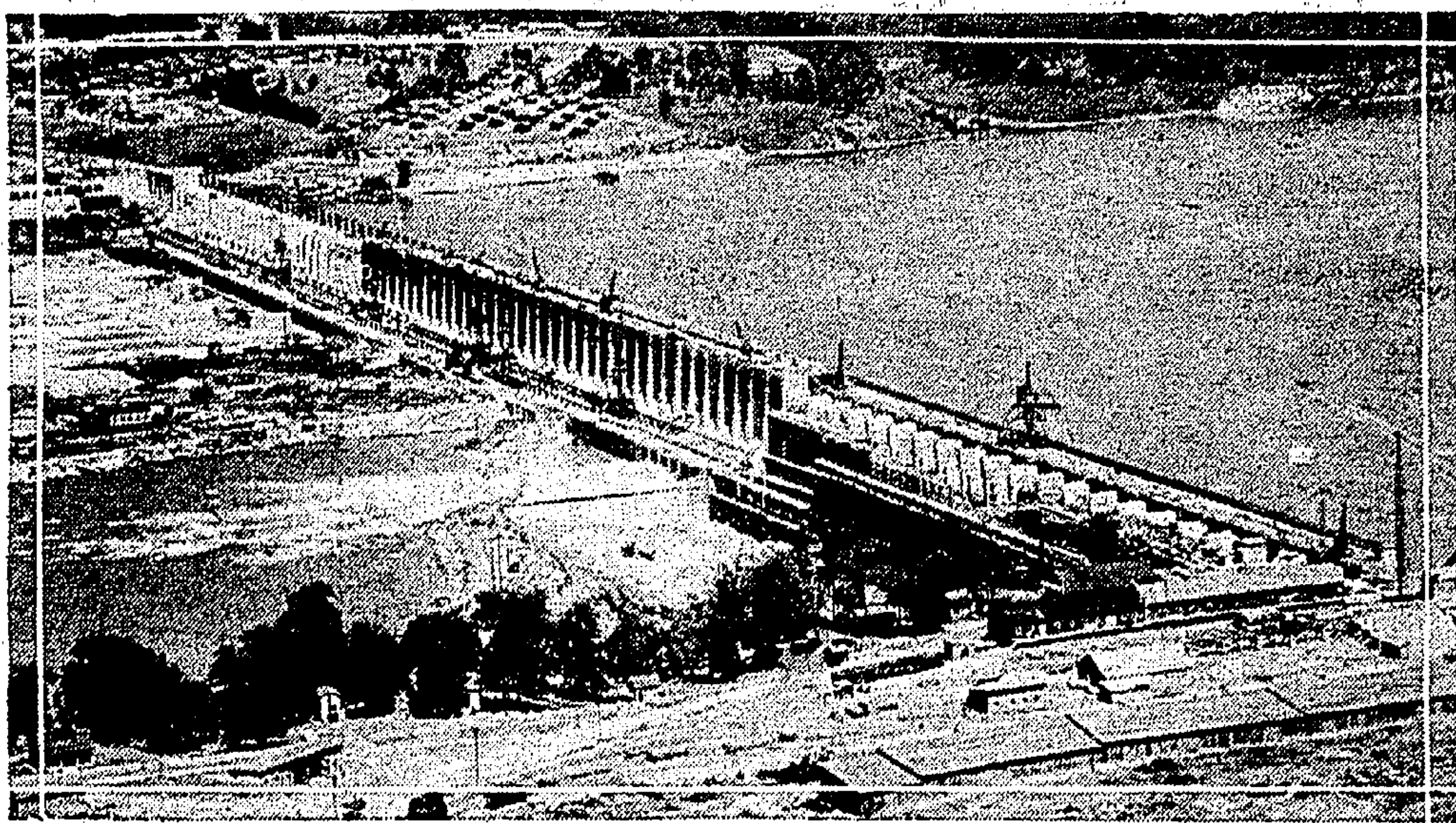
This Church at San Jose, California, broadcasts its light from a real lighthouse. The beams can be seen for 20 miles.

A Canadian Wedding in Shanghai.



Recently at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, Mr. Aeneas McBean Bell-Irving was married to Miss Patricia Louise Cowan. Both bride and bridegroom are from Vancouver, B.C. The group was taken outside the residence of Major and Mrs. H. Y. Irwine, where the reception was held. Mr. I. H. Hughes performed the duties of best man.

New Airplane View of Muscle Shoals.



Here is a remarkable airplane view of the famous power plant at Muscle Shoals, showing the great Wilson dam spanning the river. The question of disposal of the power generated by this project will soon come up in Congress, with rival factions calling for Government operation and for lease to private concerns.

On Holiday.



Mr. C. M. Schwab, steel magnate, snapped while buying a paper in the Gare de Lyon, Paris, before taking the train for London.

9,454 Crows Killed in Six Days.



Crows near Chickasha, Oklahoma, got so thick that farmers suffered. Consequently, the above members of the Isaac Walton League went out with their shotguns. They killed 9,454 in six days, and T. A. Jacobs, of the league, made a record of 1,000 in one day.

Memorial to Sir Ross Smith.



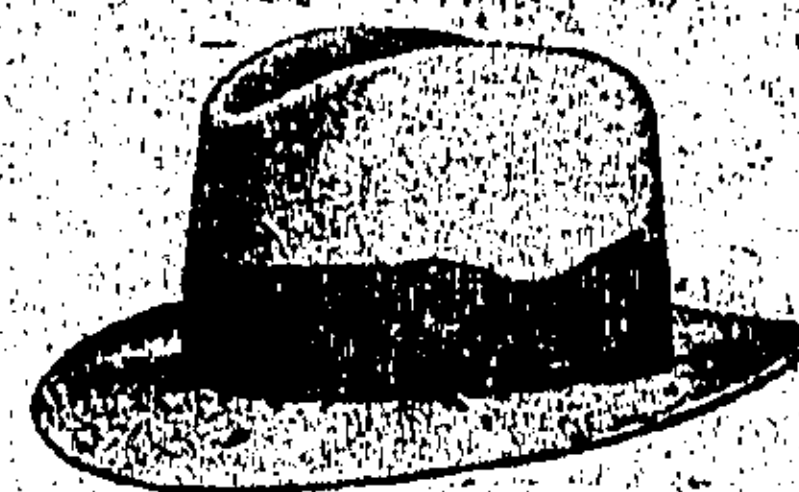
Mr. F. Brook Hitch, the sculptor of the memorial to the late Sir Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, has completed two of the principal figures for the memorial which is to be set up in the Civic Gardens, Adelaide, Australia. Our picture shows the central figure of the memorial—a full-length figure of Sir Ross Smith.

Ice Fountain.



A water spray was installed at the top of a 30-foot spruce tree at Escanaba, and the tree became an ice fountain, and was lighted at night by

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having been lost, we hereby give notice that the abovementioned Bills of Lading have been cancelled, and that we have duly delivered the goods to the Receivers. Anyone found the lost Bills of Lading kindly return them to the Owners' Agents, the YAMASHITA KISEN KAI KA.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1926.

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- 37A, 37B, 38, 38A, 39 and 40 Connaught Road, Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- Stephens Building situate on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- 7, Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 713.
- 9, Shelly Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 119.
- 44, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 46, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 4, Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 648.
- 9, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 10, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section I of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 5, Stewart Terrace, The Peak, on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
- 1 and 2 "Dikusha" situate on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 539.
- 52,453 Square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 538.
- 255 and 257 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 29.
- 182, 134 and 136 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 29.
- 162/180 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 674.
- 182/200 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
- 202/220 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 878.
- 2,375 Square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
- 489, 441 and 443 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1518.
- 531/563 (Odd Numbers) Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
- 647, 649 and 651, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.
- 6,793 Square feet of land being Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.

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G. R. NOTICE.

The South end of Pedder Street will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic from the 27th inst. until further notice. Motor cars may use Ice House Street between Des Vaux Road Central and Queen's Road Central during this period.

E. D. C. WOLF,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

NOTIFICATION.

The Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 2nd and 3rd April, 1926.

N. R. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

York Buildings,
Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING.

Monday, April 5th, 1926.
Saddling Bell 12 noon
First Race 12.30
Entrance to Enclosure and Covered Stands \$3.00
Motor cars can be parked on the rail opposite the grand stand, \$5.00.
The Masters of the Hunt request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.
Special Express Train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 11.02 a.m. Buses and Jitney cars for the Course will meet the train.
Extra lighters for taking cars across Harbour will be provided.
Cash Sweep through tickets can now be obtained from Mr. U. Rummahn.
Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, 29th March, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for 1925 and to elect Officers, etc.
Will anyone willing to join the committee or take office please send their names to the undersigned.

B. L. FROST,
President & Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 20, 1926.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Monday 29th March 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March 1926 (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 3rd April, 1926 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to Thursday 1st April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 29th March, 1926, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 4, Glenalea.

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the 30th March, 1926, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
On View from Monday, the 29th March, 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1926.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
Action No. 561 of 1925.

Between:—
Chan Leung Shi, Chan Ho Shi, and Man Kam Lo executors of the estate of Chan Shek Shan deceased, Plaintiffs,

and
Luk Tsoi Ting and Wong Ching U, Defendants.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE
of the
"VALUABLE LEASEHOLD" PROPERTY

situate at Yau-mat in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong, and known as

The Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 312.

Together with the messages thereon known as Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 Reclamation Street, (with the consent and concurrence of the above named Plaintiffs as executors of the mortgagee under an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 12th day of October, 1923, and made between the said defendant of the one part and the Mortgagee of the other part.)

To be sold by Order of the Court made in the above action

by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
WEDNESDAY,

the 31st day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m.,
by
Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,
at their salesroom, No. 5 Duddell Street.

The property consists of:—
All that piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Yau-mat in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and known and registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 312 together with the messages erections and buildings thereon known as Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 Reclamation Street. The property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 75 years from the 19th day of December, 1887, created by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 24th day of October, 1898, and made between Queen Victoria of the one part and Reuben Meyer Moses of the other part.
Annual Crown Rent about \$64.60.
Area about 4,574.08 square feet.
For further particulars apply to:—
Messrs. LO AND LO,
Vendor's Solicitors,
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Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 19, 1926.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

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If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY, the 29th day of March, 1926, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the China Auction Rooms, 4, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

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situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and being Inland Lot No. 1963.

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The property consists of the messages or dwelling houses thereon known as No. 4, Wing On Street and No. 3, Gilman Street, and contains an area of 749 sq. ft. or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

MESSRS. DEACONS,
1, Des Vaux Road,
Central,
Vendor's Solicitors or
MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 19, 1926.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

ACTION NO. 558 OF 1925.

Between:
Chan Leung Shi, Chan Ho Shi and Man Kam Lo, executors of the estate of Chan Shek Shan deceased, plaintiffs,

and
Lau Tat, defendant,
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

Of The
"VALUABLE LEASEHOLD" PROPERTY
Situate At
Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong and known as

THE REMAINING PORTION OF SUBSECTION 8 OF SECTION C OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 421.

Together with 3 messages in construction, with the consent and concurrence of the above named Plaintiffs as executors of the Mortgagee under an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 3rd day of November, 1924 and made between the said defendant of the one part and the mortgagee of the other part.
To be sold by Order of the Court made in the above Action

By
PUBLIC AUCTION
On
WEDNESDAY,

the 31st day of March, 1926 at 3 o'clock p.m.
By
MESSRS. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers

At their Salesroom No. 5 Duddell Street.

The property consists of:—
All that piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong and known and registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Subsection 8 of Section C of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 421 together with 3 messages in course of construction. The property is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 75 years from the 25th day of December, 1887 created by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 7th day of January, 1888 and made between Queen Victoria of the one part and Catchek Paul Chater, Charles David Botomley and Hormusjee Nowrojee Mody of the other part.
Annual Crown rent \$11.39.
Area 2,566.89 square feet or thereabouts.
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Vendor's Solicitors,
or to
Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1926.

FIRE BRIGADE.

(Continued from Page 1).

shows a fall of \$225,000 compared with the figure at which it stood last year. This is due to depreciation in the value of our gold and silver investments and to adverse exchanges, both as regards sterling and Shanghai Tael. I might mention that quite an appreciable part of this amount has been recovered since the 31st December last, this being the date on which values and rates of exchange are taken for the purposes of our annual accounts. You will I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the Staff.

The year under review has proved to be an uneventful one from an insurance standpoint. The chaotic conditions now prevalent practically all over China make business most difficult and we sincerely trust that some early solution may be found that will help the country to more peaceful and prosperous days.

I cannot close without some short reference to the fire in the Hongkong Hotel of the 1st January last. This was undoubtedly the worst conflagration that has been experienced in the Colony for very many years past, and great credit is due to the Fire Brigade for checking the fire when they did. This they were enabled to do owing to the co-operation of units from His Majesty's naval and military Forces. One unsatisfactory feature was apparent, however, to all who witnessed the fire and that was the lamentable lack of European firemen to support the efforts of the superintendant. We trust that the Government will take early steps to remedy this most serious deficiency, as it cannot be hoped that Hongkong will always maintain its recent record of immunity from serious fires.

After the resolution, which I am about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the Accounts which shareholders may wish to ask. I now propose the following resolution:—"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$88 per share, an addition to the Reserve Fund of \$100,000, the transfer of \$15,447-7-3, at exchange 2/4½=\$130,656.09, to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

Mr. A. Denison seconded, and there being no questions, the resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. R. L. Bridger proposed and Mr. Stevenson seconded that Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White be re-elected to the Consulting Committee, and this was also carried.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year on the proposition of Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be obtained on application.

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 25. Water Hagen has won the West Coast open tournament, with a score of 283 for seventy-two holes. Bobby Jones, the American amateur champion, was second, with 285. Jones is entitled to a prize of \$500 in plate, but requested that the money be not taken from the purse, so R. Cruickshank (third, with 287) was given the second and third moneys.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925. The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 19th day of March, to Monday, the 28th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March 1926.

LONDON'S RIVERS.

STREETS OVER TURBULENT RIVERS.

Little do most Londoners realize, that when they are in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace, in the Ritz Hotel, walking along Piccadilly, sitting in the London Opera House, seeing a review at the Hippodrome or gazing at the antiquities of the House of Parliament itself, they are standing or sitting over subterranean streams, some of them turbulent in their mad rush to an outlet. Engineers who are responsible for London's network of underground railways, some of them in places 155 feet deep, have had to go back into history to ascertain just where some of these streams run, because it has been found impossible to harness them, or, in many cases, to divert their course.

London, however, is in no danger from the fact that there is so much water under it running in so many different directions. That is because underlying its site is a layer of about 700 feet of chalk substance and on top of that a peculiar clay known as "London clay." For the reason, it is said, that the same earth and formation has never been found elsewhere. Most of London's tubes have been bored through this clay, which operation is much as is encountered in New York. This clay also has been of great value in the work of making as permanent as possible the banks of these old underground streams and also in covering them.

Two of these streams, by virtue of their names, have left their stamp upon London, which undoubtedly will always remain. One of them, called Twy-bourne (the latter syllable being the name given to a certain sort of stream in those days), flowed near to what is now Marble Arch, at the entrance of Hyde Park, and at that time, passed a tree which was very convenient for hanging purposes and which became known as Tyburn Tree. For pure atrociousness it is probably the most famous place of execution in the world. It was there that a bold highwayman, or in turn a clever thief, was allowed to be hanged ahead of a common murderer. The class system even extended to the gallows.

As this stream meandered along toward Hyde Park it became known as West Bourne, from which Westbourne Park derives its name, and farther along it joined another Bourne. That section of London was named Marylebone, which it seems has been shortened to Marylebone. Somewhat farther along it was called Old Bourne, going down near Oxford street and into what is known now as Holborn, a corruption of Old Bourne aided and abetted by the cockney getting his "h" in the wrong place.

The other is the river Fleet, which runs near Fleet street but not under it. This old street, with its adventures, vicissitudes, disappointments, triumphs, and housing its derelicts and lions of the newspaper and literary world in England, escaped an awful calamity because of a river. Fleet River is not the original name for that stream and it was called that only after Fleet prison, past which it flowed, had become notorious. Before that it was known as Bagnigge. It would be difficult to conceive of a reporter hurrying to his office with a story and giving a cabman a name like that as his destination.

While these underground streams have been relegated to obscurity through the exigencies of city buildings, some of them still perform their duties.

The old Tyburn feeds the beautiful Serpentine in Hyde Park, where thousands enjoy boating in summer and where old men, members of swimming clubs, break the ice for their annual swimming race on Christmas Day. This year it was won by a young man of seventy-eight.

The Cran, which runs under the Ritz, across Piccadilly and under the Hippodrome, feeds the fountains in Trafalgar square before it goes on under Parliament street, under the House of Parliament, and finally empties itself into the Thames at about the middle of the House of Lords.

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AUSTRALIA TO TEST A SERUM.

Melbourne.—Dr. Smallpage, of Sydney, has received an offer from an American company to take over his formula for treatment of tuberculosis, and to pay him a royalty of 50 per cent. on sales of his serum.

Dr. Smallpage said he would accept the offer, unless the Commonwealth Government makes him a definite offer of assistance. It was recently reported that Dr. Smallpage's serum (spleen extract, etc.) can be prepared so that 100 tuberculous people can be treated for £75. He offered to give his formula and patent rights to the Australian people if their Government would finance the preparation and safeguard his interests.

The Commonwealth Government has now accepted Dr. Smallpage's offer to make a thorough test.

The Australian Government will finance the test and safeguard Dr. Smallpage's interests. THE "GOLD CURE."

Experiments with the new gold drug for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis have been in progress in England for a year, and an account of the observations made is contained in the *Lancet*.

It is known as sanocrysin—a very soluble thiosulphate of sodium and gold.

Dr. T. R. Elliott, Professor of Medicine in the University of London, states that he has treated only 11 cases, and expresses the opinion that the treatment has not done harm to any case under his care.

In one case—the first treated in England—he thought at first that harm had resulted. She was a girl of 18, of poor physique, and as she did not improve under routine treatment in hospital she was treated heavily with sanocrysin and with its complementary serum.

"MOST RAPID CURE."

On discharge from hospital (says Dr. Elliott) she was still thin and ill, but she refused to go to a sanatorium and remained at home in a poor environment. But she improved steadily. She has now, a year after her treatment, put on a stone in weight. She is plump and well, and the pulmonary disease is arrested.

My earlier impression was therefore mistaken, says Dr. Elliott, and in her case the drug not only did no serious harm, but seems to have done good, for her prognosis was originally a poor one.

Dr. Elliott adds that in all subsequent cases he has used less intensive treatment, which seems to coincide with real improvement in each patient. Regarding four cases, he notes that the turn for the better occurred almost simultaneously with the treatment by sanocrysin.

My own opinion, he adds, "is in full accord with that of Prof. Feber, of Copenhagen, who summed up his results in a statement that in sanocrysin he found a drug that produced more rapid improvement in pulmonary tuberculosis than could be obtained by any other method of treatment that he knew."

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—Because the Portuguese tobacco monopoly, held by a private company for thirty years, will end in April the Government has submitted a proposition to Parliament for state control. Under the proposed system the Government would manufacture tobacco products but allow the free importation of foreign brands.

GREAT IRRIGATION SCHEME

COLUMBIA'S WATERS TO BE APPORTIONED.

Washington, D. C.—Legislation looking toward construction of a \$300,000,000 project to irrigate 1,750,000 acres of land in the Columbia river basin will be the result of action by a conference of members of the Washington congressional delegation and irrigation experts from the Columbia river basin.

Immediately after the conference Senator Jones, republican, Washington, one of the party leaders, announced he would introduce a measure to lay a foundation for the project.

The measure will be designed to empower the secretary of the interior to assist the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana in effecting an agreement for the division of the waters of the Columbia river, and to aid in the organization of an irrigation district to cover the entire irrigable area.

The irrigation project, under the plans of the conference, would be carried out under the government's present irrigation policy, the irrigation district to repay the government for its expenditures in constructing the work. The project would be by far the greatest ever attempted, the cost being more than twice as much as that estimated for the Boulder canyon irrigation, power, and flood control project on the Colorado river.

Four states of the Columbia river have already received congressional authority for negotiating on an inter-state water compact, and the proposed Jones bill would be intended simply to aid them in bringing about an agreement.

LIVING CELL MADE.

NEW ACHIEVEMENT BY SCIENTIST.

New York.—Another step towards solving the riddle "What is life?" has been made by Dr. D. T. MacDougal, director of the Botanical Research Department of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

He has succeeded in producing a working model of a living cell (the unit of all living matter) by the use of chemicals similar to those occurring in living matter.

Based upon the construction of an egg, the cell has an outer protective covering of thin cellulose. Through this a sugar solution containing chemicals absorb sodium and potassium selectively in a manner similar to their absorption by plants. This is sufficient to cause growth.

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The living cell does this automatically, impelled by some motive power that remains one of nature's deep secrets.

For experimental purposes the value of Dr. MacDougal's achievement can hardly be overestimated.

AN ACCOMPLISHED KING.

FERDINAND OF RUMANIA.

Bucarest.—King Ferdinand has a much stronger hold upon the affections of his people than is commonly thought abroad (says the *Daily Chronicle*).

He is a good all-round sportsman and drives his own motor-car, though over 60, and thoroughly understands it. He is a very early riser and breakfasts with his family, courtiers appearing first at lunch.

He receives Ministers during the morning and, if there is time, has a game of golf on the course recently laid out. He has been ordered golf for his health. Though he began to play at 55 he has made very rapid progress.

In the afternoon he walks in the park at Cotroceni, or motors, always driving himself. He has been suffering from hardened arteries and took baths in Normandy last year, which did him much good. His kitchen is French.

He likes to write as many of his letters as possible with his own hand.

He seldom misses a concert, and playing the piano is one of his favourite recreations. He plays extremely well.

He speaks English, French, and Russian fluently, besides Rumanian and German. He has been learning Hungarian since the war, in compliment to his Hungarian subjects, and has made extraordinary progress in this most difficult language.

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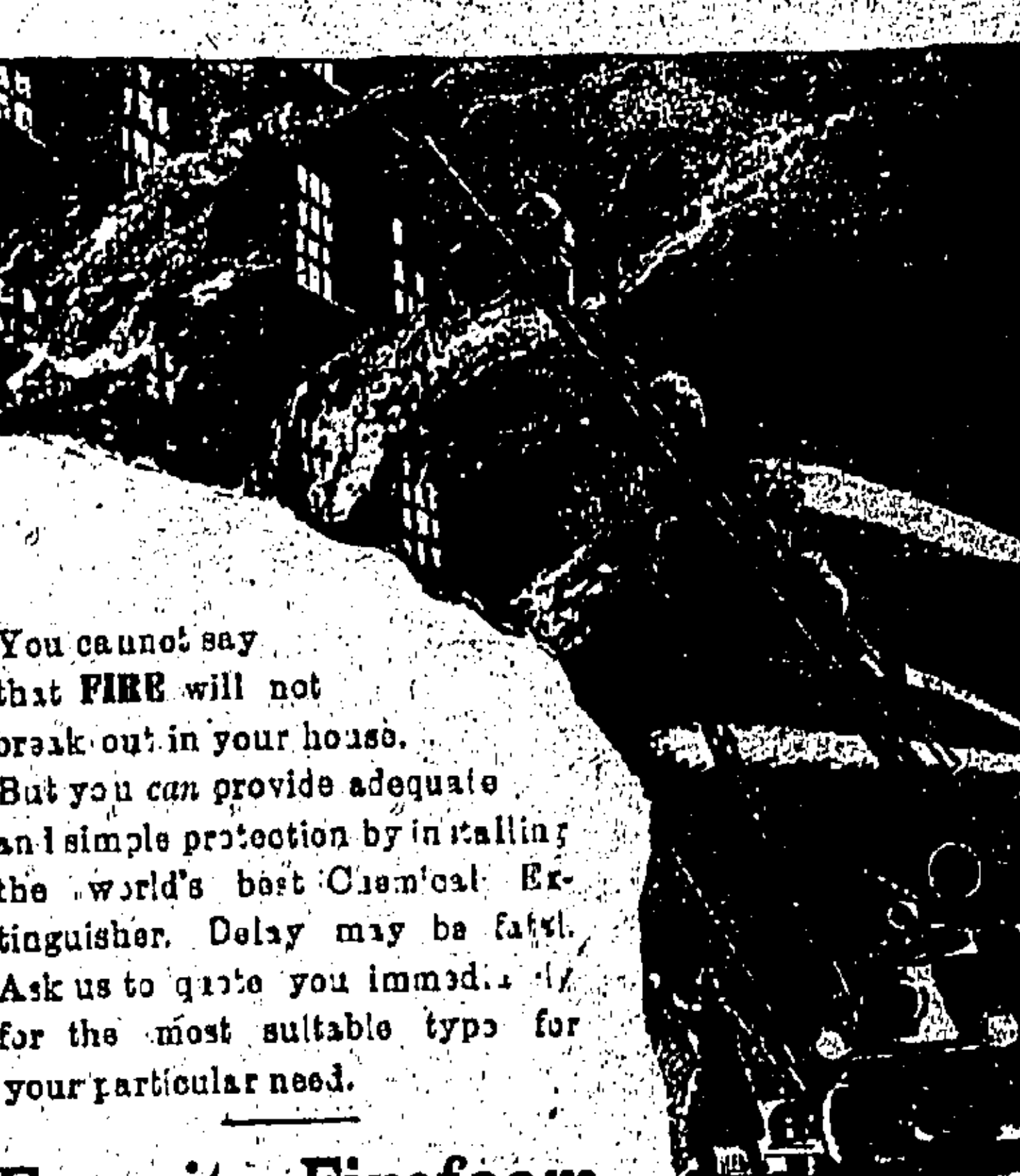
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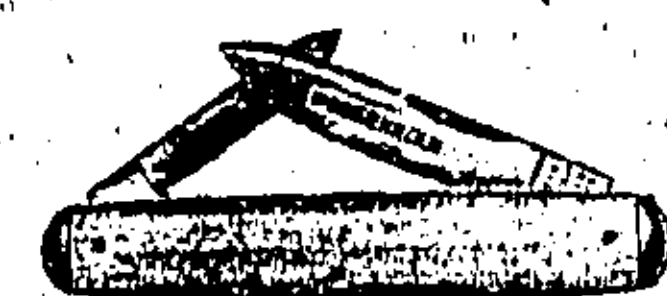
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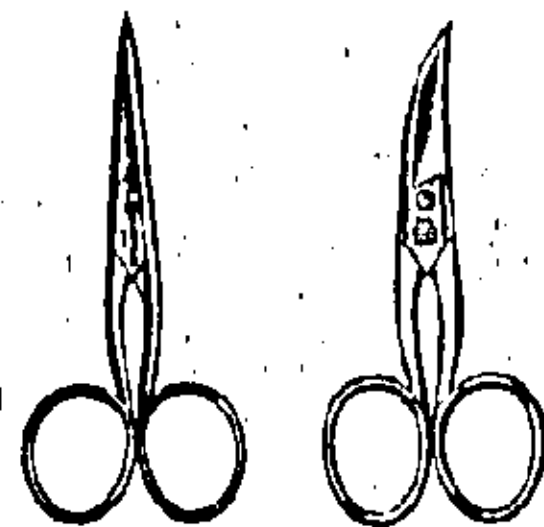


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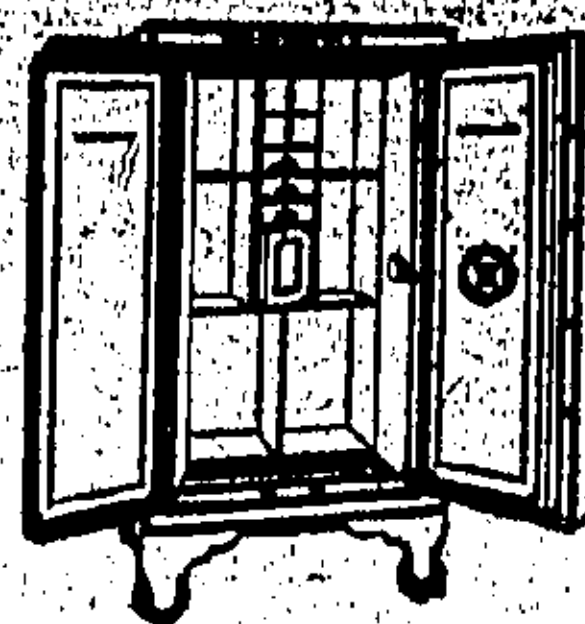
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BOXER INDEMNITY.

According to advices from the North, Hongkong and Canton are to have a visit from the British Boxer Indemnity Commission, which, with Lord Willington at its head, is at present carrying out its investigations in Shanghai. This Commission was, it will be recalled, appointed to advise the Foreign Secretary as to the best use to which the funds of the Boxer Indemnity could be put in the joint interests of Britain and China. Under the Protocol of 1901, China undertook to pay £67,500,000 in thirty-nine annual instalments of £3,500,000, the British quota being £400,000. This amount was remitted by two instalments, namely, by decision of the British Cabinet in 1922, and by the passage of the China Indemnity (Application) Act of last year. Since then, there has been much discussion as to the purposes to which the remitted funds should be applied, and it was with the object of determining these that the Act named authorised the setting up of the Commission which is now in China.

Up to the present, the members of the Commission have confined their energies to Shanghai, where a series of meetings have been held for the purpose of examining applications and proposals from various public bodies and organisations. It will naturally take some considerable time before the Commission completes its investigations, after which, of course, the whole matter has to come under consideration by the Imperial Government. The idea, however, of sending the Commission to the East to prosecute its enquiries on the spot is a most admirable one, for by first-hand contact with the numerous organisations wishing to benefit by a distribution of the funds it will be possible for the Commissioners to offer far more practical advice than by any other method.

Educational and other institutions in Hongkong and South China are particularly interested in the final allocation of the funds, in which connection the hope has been expressed that our own University's claims to consideration will be taken into full and favourable account. We imagine, also, that certain Canton organisations will

also hope to be brought into the scheme, and no doubt their applications will be looked into when the Commissioners visit that city. In this connection the Canton Government would presumably like to create a good impression on the Commissioners during their stay, and inasmuch as the question of the disposal of these funds centres round the maintenance and extension of Anglo-Chinese friendship, we trust that the Canton authorities will exert their utmost endeavours to bring about the termination of the boycott. This, although in no sense reflective of sober Chinese opinion, is likely by its continuance to estrange rather than improve the relations between Britain and China.

Shanghai's Problem.

On Thursday in last week a meeting was held at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, which bids fair to make new history in the northern port. The meeting was between a party of selected ratepayers of the International Settlement and the most prominent Chinese in Shanghai and it was held for the purpose of a formal exchange of views on what are Shanghai's most important problems. The Chairman of the Municipal Council presided and made an extraordinarily interesting speech in which he acknowledged that the time had come when in the growth of Shanghai, in its progress and development, the Chinese residents should have a definite share in the operation of the policy of the municipal government and should partake of the responsibilities of maintaining peace and order. Behind all this lies direct Chinese representation on the Council—a goal to which the Chinese have been striving for years. Many other matters were referred to in the spirit of a free expression of views, and it was suggested that so far as Labour disputes were concerned there should be a Court of Arbitration to which both employers and employees could go. In a long editorial comment on the meeting, the *N. C. Daily News* says that if the Chinese of Shanghai respond to Mr. Fessenden's appeal for co-operation they will do much to help Shanghai and at the same time serve their own interests. It is pointed out that there will doubtless be much delay in granting Chinese representation on the Council owing to the dalliance with which the officials of the Chinese Foreign Office in Peking deal with matters referred to them. It is pertinently suggested that if the Foreign Office and the Diplomatic Corps in Peking would leave the matter to be settled by the Shanghai Municipal Council and the leading Chinese of Shanghai themselves the method for such a settlement could very easily be found. It is added that if Peking officials delay overmuch in granting Chinese representation on the Council, another way will and must be found.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF SIR HEDLEY LE BAS.

London, March 25.
The death is announced of the well-known publisher, Sir Hedley Francis Le Bas. *Reuter*.
[The late Sir Hedley Le Bas, who was a native of Jersey, enlisted at the age of 18 with the 15th Hussars, in which regiment he served for seven years in the ranks. In 1899 he founded the Caxton Publishing Company—an organisation which has grown into one of the largest publishing houses of the country and of which Sir Hedley was Governing Director.

He came into prominence by his public work during the war. He was Joint Hon. Secretary of the Prince of Wales' Fund; and was a member of the National War Savings Committee. Later, he became Hon. Organiser of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund and edited the Lord Kitchener Memorial Book. For many years he has been prominently associated with golf and was Hon. Treasurer of the English Golf Union. He was also keenly interested in the work of the St. John Ambulance and was, in 1916, made a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was 58 years of age.]

DAY BY DAY.

TO BE POOR AND INDEPENDENT IS VERY NEARLY AN IMPOSSIBILITY.—W. Cobbett.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony on Wednesday and Thursday.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—N.E. winds, strong; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

A Japanese cruiser came into port this morning. She is staying until Sunday.

Two Chinese have been arrested by the police on a charge of intimidation of a postman, in the central district.

The Colony will be visited on April 4th by a flotilla of U.S. destroyers. They are expected to stay for four or five days.

The annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College are to be held at Queen's ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday afternoon next.

The Efficiency Cup of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps for the training season of 1925 has been won by the Artillery Company.

A tram passenger was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received when he alighted from a moving tram car.

A most enjoyable musicale was held at the Helena May Institute last evening, the contributors to the programme being Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith and Mr. R. A. Green.

The dance orchestra of the S.S. Franconia, under the leadership of Mr. Harold Woodlands, played at the Repulse Bay Hotel during the dinner-dance last night. In spite of counter-attractions, and a very short notice, most of the tables were engaged. The waltzes were so well played that seven or eight encores were given each time before the dancers were satisfied.

AMERICAN CLAIMS.

SENATOR BORAH GETS POSITIVE.

Washington, March 25.
After conferring with Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, Senator Borah declared that some of the claims of Americans against Britain and France arising from the seizure of goods during the war while America was neutral, should and would be paid.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS WITHIN CALL.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:

Shizuoka Maru, Wray Castle, Tjikini, Holois, Fushimi Maru, Empress of Russia, Changte, President Madison, Glenshane, Menelaus, Tjisalak, Hanoi, Sekkow Maru, Van Overstraten, Benart, Kwei-yang, Leesang, Japan, Kotsu Maru, Tango Maru, Seio Maru, Zosma, City of Rangoon, Bintang, Nagara, Gozan Maru, Isla De Panay, West Ivan, Tilawa, Stanley Dollar, West Hind, Taiping, Manao Maru, Takasago Maru, Tacoma.

"THE QUANTS."

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

Ian Hay's racing comedy, "The Sport of Kings," was the very attractive fare served up at the Theatre Royal last evening by "The Quants" and a large and delighted audience spent an entertaining evening.

The play is full of fun and witticisms based on the doings and sporting parlance of the Home turf, and it tells of how a rich hypocritical old gentleman succumbs to the temptation to "have a flutter." His descent from seeming stern disapproval of all and everything connected with horse-racing to his impersonation of a "cheap outside 'bookie'" is told in humorous incident and clever dialogue.

The company as a whole scored a triumph—as was evidenced by the quick and hearty response of the audience.

BOGUS CONSTABLE.

CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

The case in which a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a police chop for an unlawful purpose, which was remanded from yesterday, again came before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, when a second charge of taking the designation of a police constable was added.

A Chinese inspector was called and he said the defendant was not a constable.

Sub-Inspector Watt said he remembered a constable reporting that his whistle and chop had been stolen from the barrack room on March 19th.

Sub-Inspector Wilson, who was in charge of the case, explained the chop was used to mark a chit which was collected by the sergeant on duty, who brought them back to the station to show the constables were at their posts. The chop in question was not the original that had been lost, but was an imitation. The original had not been found. It was no uncommon thing for a chop to be lost.

Sub-Inspector Watt remarked that if a constable lost his chop, he would sooner get an imitation, made, which could easily be done, than report the loss.

When asked where he got the chop from, the defendant replied that he picked it up in the street. He was sent to prison for one month with hard labour on the first charge and three months on the second.

TROUBLE IN SYRIA.

FURTHER DRUSE OUTBREAK.

Paris, March 25.
A message from Beirut says that numerous Druses attacked Kattana, south-west of Damascus, which was surrounded and set on fire. Four squadrons of cavalry, supported by airmen, counter-attacked. The Druses were repulsed and fled, leaving over one hundred dead.—*Reuter*.

The Very Idea!

We're getting so we can't sleep. Formerly we never could get up in the morning. Now we find it impossible to sleep more than nine or ten hours. If we lie longer we grow introspective and restless. There are in our experience no more humiliating and disturbing moments than those passed when lying wakeful in the gray of the morning. Everything we have done in our life seems pitifully trivial and tawdry. Everything we have planned to do seems impracticable and useless. As we observed we're getting so we can't sleep. Can it be that we have insomnia?

A woman's wig, a pastry-board, a rolling-pin, and an auto harp formed the haul of thieves who stole a suitcase from a motor-car outside the Hotel Cecil. The articles belonged to Mr. Fred Wildon, the well-known concert artist.

An official bulletin does not mean much if it is not understood by those whom it is meant to benefit. Farmers of the Pacific slope complained that the bulletins issued by the College of Agriculture of the University of California contained too many foreign words and technical terms. These learned pronouncements are now to be simplified. Probably a good many of the department and bureau reports which come would be read, and not merely issued, if they would condescend to the use of plain language, and if the writers would bear in mind that the bulletins are not meant to show how much the author knows but to teach the uninformed.

A man in Rome has attempted to commit suicide because he could not buy Christmas presents for his family. We know a man who is in an equally low state of mind because he cannot pay for the Christmas presents his family have given him.

Mr. Robert Hale says that women enjoy an occasional weep. This with duty, washed fifty, saved explains why they are constantly in search of le dernier cri.

STEEL COMBINE.

BIG INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT.

Berlin, March 25.

Interviewed to-day by *Reuter* Herr Gerwin, Director of the German Steel Trust, admitted that a provisional agreement had been reached in Paris, but that negotiations will have to be resumed as there are many obstacles to be overcome before a definite agreement could be concluded. Herr Gerwin did not specify these obstacles but it is understood that one of them is the allotment of export quotas between the various countries.—*Reuter*.

[An earlier message said that protracted consultations by European steel interests have resulted in a far-reaching "ralls cartel," eliminating competition. It is stated that negotiations will shortly be opened for a larger iron international, for the control of the entire production of iron and steel.]

MOTOR MISHAPS.

SANITARY INSPECTOR INJURED.

Sanitary Inspector A. F. Brady, in charge of the Kennedy Town Slaughter House, met with a serious accident yesterday, when his motor cycle swerved and collided with a rock on the Castle Peak road.

The mishap occurred near the village of Chung Yuk Chuen, Mr. Brady being thrown from his machine and rather seriously injured. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

A COLLISION.

Ensuing, it is stated, from the two cars meeting on a narrow part of the roadway, a collision occurred between a car driven by a P.W.D. employee and another car on the Jubilee Road yesterday afternoon. The front mudguards of both vehicles were buckled, but the occupants escaped serious injury. Jubilee Road is regarded as being used for only one-way traffic.

The Very Idea!

Two news items from Japan.—"Rickshaws are disappearing in Japan in favour of Ford."

"The Japanese are learning the old-times dances."

The Hon. Patrick Kinnaid and his former wife, Margaret Stella Kinnaid, from whom he obtained a divorce a few months ago, recently came married again on the same day.

The Society for Pure English offers this dialogue as a warning against the "careless use of prepositions":

Child: I want to be read to.
Nurse: What book do you want to be read to out of?
Child: "Robinson Crusoe."

(Nurse goes out and returns with "The Swiss Family Robinson.")
Child: What did you bring me that book to be read to out of, from?

Here's a good tip! A piece of brown paper under the upper lip, held in place with the tongue is good for nosebleeds; hicoughs or sneezing—we forget which.

Dr. Tressler of the University of Pittsburgh has done good by declaring that there is no foundation for the belief that fish is a brain food. Our regard for a fish ceases with its removal from the water. We know of nothing that has interested us less than the discussion as to whether the lively codfish ball had a cork centre.

Most wives are angels. When they're not harping they never have anything to wear.

Two schoolboy howlers.—A mosquito is the child of black and white parents.

Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is a pure gin; hydrogen is gin and water.

Onlookers gave three tears as Supt. Michael Browley and a squad of twenty assistants, installed with duty, wrecked fifty saved quills in front of police headquarters.—*Boston Advertiser*.

INTERESTING NEWS PICTURES



The recent State opening of Parliament. The Guards are shown dipping their colours as the Royal coach leaves the House of Lords.



British troops leave Cologne after seven years' occupation. Picture shows the huge crowd outside Cologne Cathedral when the British flag was hauled down.

"MONNA VANNA."

A QUEEN'S THEATRE ATTRACTION.

There is a big film being shown at the Queen's Theatre at present—namely, "Monna Vanna." It is the product of a German studio and is based on Maeterlinck's famous tragedy of the Renaissance, when Pisa and Florence were at war.

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This picture will be screened up to and including Saturday, and we can recommend it as being much above the average in all-round excellence.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

SOCIALISTS STILL OPPOSE.

Paris, March 25. The Chamber has adopted by 415 votes to 128 the revenue section of the Budget. The expenditure side was voted at the autumn session.

The entire 1926 Budget is now ready to go to the Senate. The Socialists have decided to oppose the Government's financial proposals to make up the deficit of nearly five milliard francs.—*Reuter.*

MEXICO CONFISCATION.

DISCUSSION REACHES A DEADLOCK.

Mexico City, March 25. It is understood that conferences between oil interests and the Mexican Government have virtually reached a deadlock. The British Minister, Mr. E. Ovey has called on Mr. Sheffield and is believed to have discussed the position.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOTOR SERVICE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I have carefully noted the proceedings at the meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association, as reported in yours of March 24th.

It seems to me a somewhat roundabout procedure for a stranded motorist to have a friend of his detail his specific and personal troubles to the Hongkong Automobile Association and thence to the newspapers and finally to the world at large. It is hardly logical as a method of preventing potential occurrences of a similar nature. It has been dinned into the ears of the public for at least 25 years that no car is any better than the service behind it. That being an admitted fact, it would seem that the general public would buy motor cars from people who are in position to render maximum service.

It happens that Hongkong does have firms who do comply with the somewhat exacting requirements of the term "garage proprietors." If the individual in question telephoned to Chinese garages, it is not surprising that they should have answered him in Chinese. Further, it is a fact that the stranded individual had no special claim on anybody except the agent of the car he purchased.

It might also be kept well in mind that there is a tremendous difference between a *service department* and a *repair department*. A service department is precisely what the term implies. It is maintained solely with the idea of rendering service to the purchasers of motor vehicles, the agencies of which are held by the proprietors of the service station. A repair department in the general acceptance of the term, is run with the idea, not of giving service to the owners of any particular type or model of cars, but with the idea of repairing any of the various and sundry forward-fours, silken-sixes, and excellent-eights in existence.

It is a fact that in Hongkong, there are two excellent service stations and that there are many garages who are only interested in repairs.

This stranded motorist, should have called up the firm from whom he purchased the car. He naturally had every right to expect service from them. Service not only till

the usual quitting time in the afternoon, but complete service (including towing-in if necessary) at any hour of the night such service may have been required.

If the stranded gentleman bought a car which is an orphan in this Colony, or from a firm which had no garage and no service facilities, he should blame himself for lack of judgment rather than blame four garages, none of whom seem to have had anything to do with his purchase of the car.

The man who purchases a backward bus from a fly-by-night dealer has no claim to service from the silken-six dealer. If a man will buy a car from a dealer who has absolutely no service facilities, or if he will buy a car which is not represented locally the purchaser has no reasonable ground if his acquisition has to look after itself.

Conditions in this Colony are fast getting to the place where the number of cars sold by the legitimate garage proprietors is such that they are entirely occupied in their endeavour to render maximum service at minimum cost covering cars sold by them. This necessitates specializing. The orphan car under present circumstances will have to depend more and more on the small, outside, ill-equipped garages.—Yours, etc.,

BILL BROWN.

Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

PATRIOTISM.

Sir,—Your correspondent J. P. Vieira Remedios is quite amusing in his remarks apropos patriotism. Personally, I consider the playing of the National Anthem at the end of any performance or dance a bore, for it is never played as a National Anthem, but merely as a notification of the end of the performance.

One can be quite a staunch patriot without having to prove it by standing to attention like a soldier at the end of a show when he might be catching his last ferry or tram, and I don't think that His Majesty the King desires his subjects to stand like mummies at the end of any performance simply because the proprietors wish to inform them that the show is over.

Is the Star Spangled Banner played at the conclusion of theatrical performances in America?

In Australia it is quite a common sight to see a theatre audience streaming out from their seats while the National Anthem is being played, yet there were

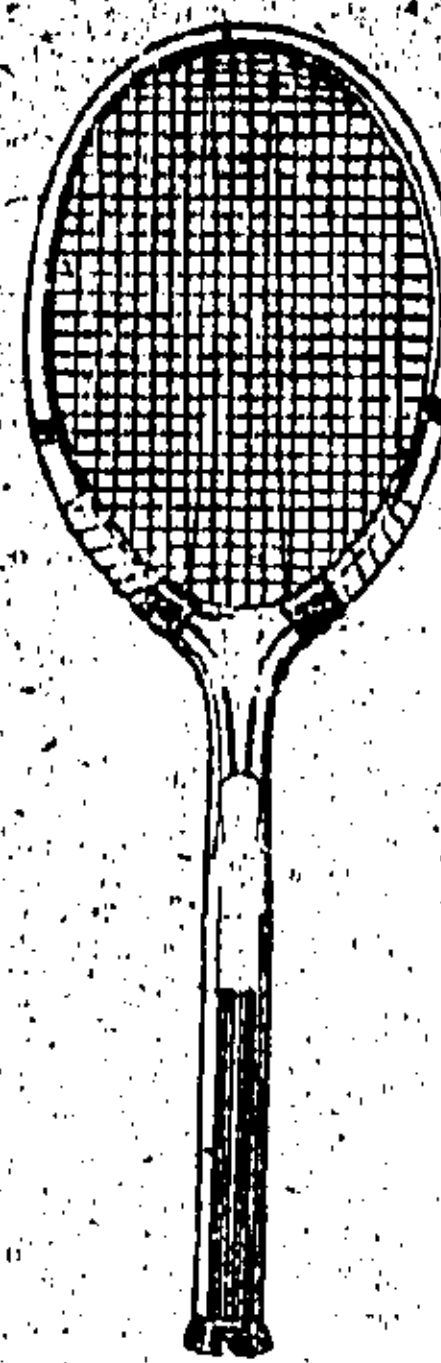
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In conclusion, I would like to add that if "The King" is to be played in shows, etc., let it be played at the beginning of the performance. Enclosing my card. Yours etc.,

Digger.

Hongkong, March 25th, 1926.

"I look upon bigamy by women in a different light from the same offence committed by men."—Mr. Justice Wright at Manchester.

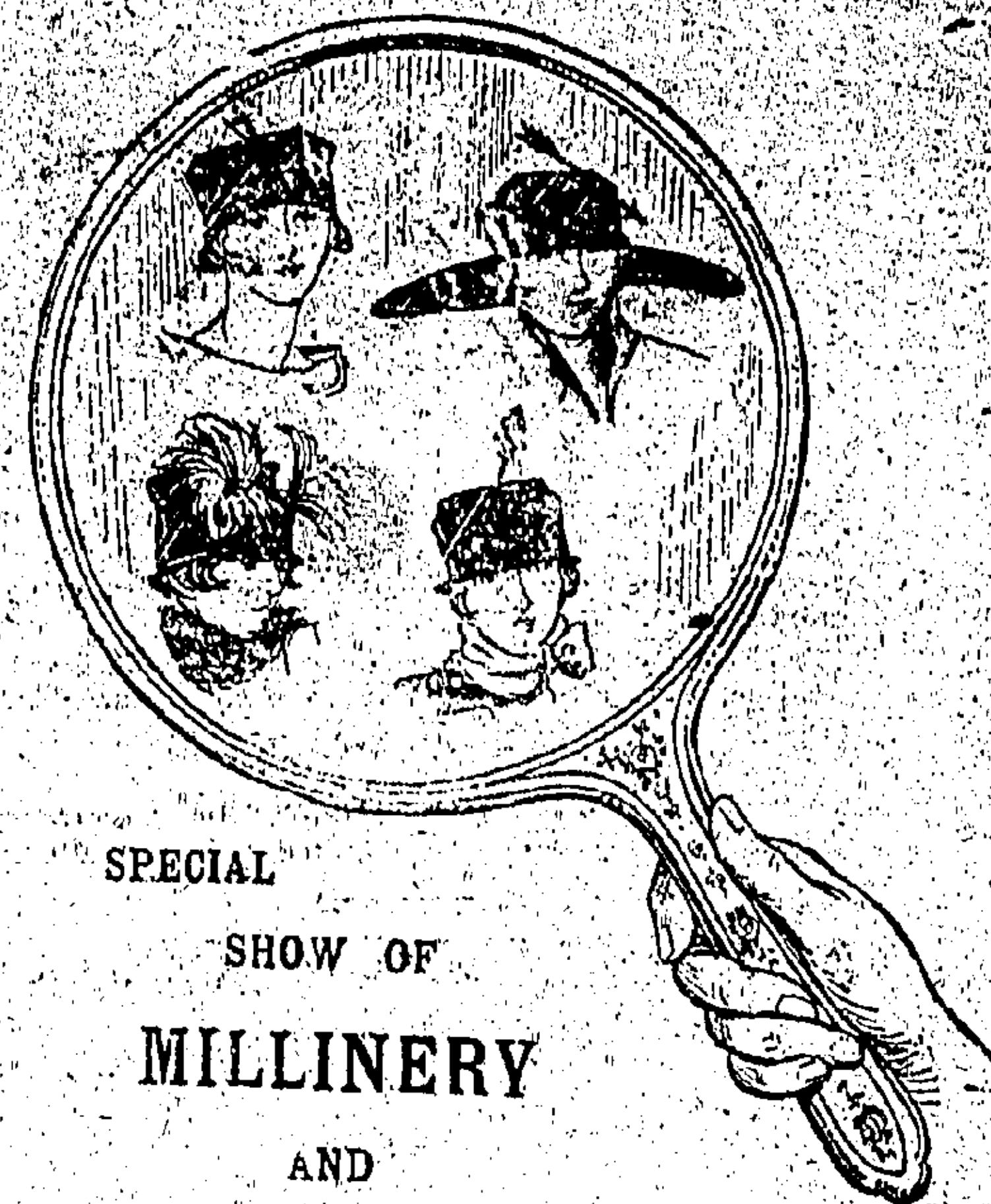
EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 25.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

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Stockholm	138
London	24
Buenos Aires	45.29/32
Shanghai	2/11.7/8
Yokohama	1/10.0/18
New York	4.86 1/4
Geneva	25.25
Milan	120.85
Stockholm	131.4
Oslo	22.73
Prague	164
Madrid	34.50
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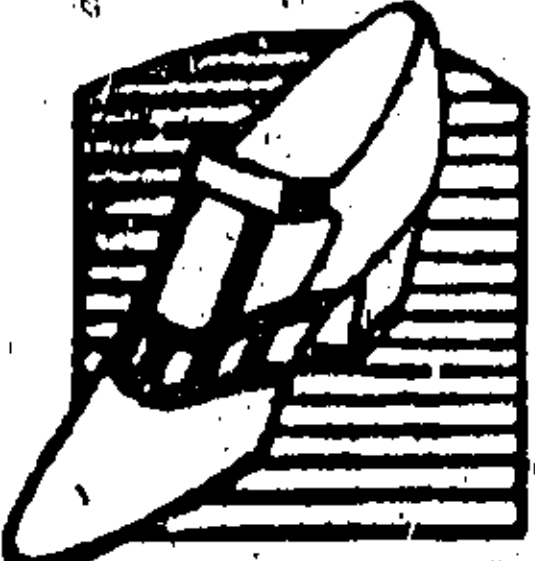
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

GOVERNOR MAKES IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT.

BOYCOTT NEGOTIATIONS.

For the first time in the history of the Colony, the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday, was attended by His Excellency the Governor, who was present at the invitation of the Committee.

His Excellency took occasion to make an important announcement, stating that he had received a letter from the Chairman of the Canton Government expressing willingness to appoint three members of the Government to negotiate with three Hongkong officials in regard to the settlement of the strike and boycott. This proposal, said the Governor, had been agreed to, and it was hoped that negotiations would soon begin.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak was in the chair and members of Committee supporting him were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. Paul Lander, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. T. G. Weill and Mr. M. F. Key (secretary). His Excellency the Governor occupied a seat on the right of the chairman.

Chairman's Speech.
The chairman said, "In moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I desire in the first place to express, to you Sir, our keen pleasure at your presence this afternoon providing as it does, another indication of the keen interest you take in every part of the Colony's life. I have already paid willing and just tribute, in the early part of this Report to the assistance rendered the Commercial Community during the times of crisis which came upon it during the latter-half of 1925, by His Excellency, Sir Edward Stubbs, and since your arrival, by you, Sir."

"For many years past the relationship between the Government of this Colony and the General Chamber of Commerce has been peculiarly close and intimate and constantly, questions concerning not only mercantile and shipping problems but also those affecting the general life and welfare of the Colony have been referred to this Chamber for consultation. The period under review has been one of almost unprecedented anxiety for the Colony, problems arising from a grave situation which had to be dealt with under emergency conditions and which called for quick action; throughout the period right up to the present day, the Government and the Chamber of Commerce Committee have been in constant and often daily consultation. I desire here to acknowledge the sincere thanks of this Chamber and of the Commercial Community of Hongkong which it represents, to the Government and its Officials for the courtesy and assistance which it has rendered under most difficult conditions."

The report before you is so voluminous, and I venture to say deals so fully with the various subjects which have arisen during the past year that it would be superfluous for me to enlarge upon them nor do they need argument to commend themselves to your attention. Fire Fighting Apparatus.
I propose however, to deal briefly with one or two items. Referring to the question of reopening the "Imports and Exports Statistical Department," that will be dealt with at a later stage in this meeting. The necessity for considerable improvement in the fire fighting appliances of the Colony, of increased pressure in the mains and the possible use of seawater instead of fresh water in connection with them is engaging the earnest attention of the Government. The necessity for such improvement was emphasised by the disastrous Hotel fire on New Year's day. One naturally feels tempted to discuss such controversial subjects as the "Traffic Conference" and "Extra Territoriality Commission" both now sitting in Peking, the measure of progress made and what they hope to achieve, but I refrain from doing so and our views upon both these questions have already been ably and vigorously represented in Peking by Mr. Brooke-Smith, the special delegate from Shanghai. The Boxer Indemnity Commission, headed by Lord Willingdon, referred to at the close of our Report has as you are aware arrived in China and has already begun prosecuting its enquiries.

University Claims.
It is hoped that at no very distant date it will visit Hongkong in order to investigate the strong claim put forward for a grant to the Hongkong University, and your Committee has consistently advocated throughout and in a letter to the Associated Chambers in Shanghai on March 30th last year again confirmed its conviction that the purposes to which (our portion of) these funds can most usefully be applied are the Education of Chinese on British lines and the support of British medical work, educational and clinical, in China."

You will not expect me, gentlemen, under present conditions to dwell upon the trade position or to prophesy of the future. The reigning conditions are well known to all but I am thankful to say that I feel able to close with a more optimistic note than seemed possible even a short time ago and I think there is ground for hope, if not belief, that the unfortunate state of affairs between Hongkong and Canton which has prevailed for some months past, will shortly be cleared up and the old friendly relationship between the two Ports which has existed harmoniously for so many years, will again prevail.

Deaths.
In conclusion he said it was fitting that he should refer to the death of members which had occurred during the year. By the death of Mr. Montague Ede they had lost a distinguished citizen who rendered valuable service to the Colony and to the Chamber.

Then there was the loss of Mr. Chau Si-ik in tragic circumstances at Po Hing Fong who as a merchant and banker was well known to all. The final loss of which he had to speak was that of the late secretary of the Chamber, Mr. Blair, whose death was reported last month. Last year his predecessor had mentioned that Mr. Blair had to go home on leave because of his health. The old trouble, heart disease, intervened and he passed away as stated. He was a man who rendered valuable service to the Chamber and entered the social and other lives of the Colony and he was much loved by all.

Mr. Key's Services.
He wished to say a word about the assistance rendered to him as chairman through the year by their present secretary Mr. Key. He did not hesitate to say that the work of chairman of the Chamber was extremely heavy last year particularly so; and it would not be possible for any business man to carry it on if he had not got an adequate secretary. He could tell them that the services of Mr. Key were those which the Chamber could not do without. (Applause)

He would pass him on to his successor with the greatest confidence. But he must issue a note of warning. Mr. Key had served for several years and he would have to go home on leave and the Chamber would have to provide an assistant secretary to carry on during his absence. They knew of the serious accident which Mr. Key had in the middle of 1925, when he carried on his work even in hospital. (Applause)

Mr. R. Sutherland.
Mr. R. Sutherland in seconding said, "I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented."

From our Chairman's Speech and from the Chamber's Annual Report just issued, the latter I may say being most excellently compiled, it is manifest that our General Committee and Sub-Committee have had a difficult and anxious term of office. They endeavoured to foster and protect the interests of the Colony, and to bring a broad angle of vision on the many difficult problems confronting them, will stand as a lasting monument to the usefulness and I would say essentially of this Chamber. Their task has been a difficult one because it would seem, in the light of past experience over a long period of years, that there are few countries in which political and commercial issues are so inseparably bound together as in China.

From the Report, Sir, we learn with great satisfaction the progress which has been made in wireless telegraphy in the Colony generally. The establishment of a recording station on the Pratas Snail, the improved conditions at D'Aguila, and at the Observatory, cannot but be a source of satisfaction to all associated with ships and shipping.

Merchants must also realize that the more up-to-date we can bring our aids to navigation, so will expensive demurrage of ships and lighters be decreased, and possible lower insurance premia on hulls and cargo cannot but generally benefit the trade of the Colony and South China.

Quarantine Station.
The necessity of an efficiently equipped Quarantine Station is, I understand, now exercising the attention of the Government, and I

am sure the incoming Committee of the Chamber will be prepared to give advice and assistance in the inauguration of such an important development in the improvement of shipping facilities of the Port.

Cost of Living.
I note that the important question of high cost of living has been dealt with in the Report, and that the closing phrase of the paragraph reads, "and there the matter rests at present." Suggestions seem to have been made that enquiries from European assistants of commercial firms should be instituted in order to ascertain the extent of present hardships. Whilst sympathising with the undoubted anxiety of that particular branch of the Colony's workers to make ends meet, I submit with all respect that the question does not seem to have been approached from quite the right angle, and I doubt even if the statistics were obtained from the sources indicated whether they would be of any real commercial value. It seems to me that what we must aim at is to reduce the cost of living to the majority, as well as to the minority. By this I mean a reduction in the cost of living to Chinese labour, which, burdened by the ever enhanced cost of necessities, must in turn demand a proportionate increase in wages, which in time cannot but react more upon employers and their business. We have comparatively few industrial concerns in Hongkong, but what we have are very important employers of labour; they are moreover operating in direct competition with the producing markets of the World, and the local price of labour must obviously play a very important part in the success or otherwise of securing business."

This, I submit is a most important matter, and I trust the Chamber will when the time is opportune, renew its interest and associate themselves with the Government in terminating the present state of affairs when higher wages do not benefit the real worker but native middlemen and others who never themselves "bearing the heat and burden of the day" batten on him to the detriment of the Colony's well being and expansion, and all that that represents.

Propaganda Wanted.
In conclusion, Gentlemen, there is one matter which I would like to mention. My reason for doing so is that, if approved, it will call for the co-operation of the Members of the Chamber as a whole. It relates to the very important matter of propaganda, a word I may say which is a misnomer when used in connection with many subjects it covers. Possibly might substitute the word "publicity" to better define what I now wish to put forward.

During my recent stay at Home I could not but be particularly struck by the lack of appreciation of the general public in connection with China affairs. It was extraordinary that even well informed people had such meagre knowledge of conditions existing out here, both political and commercial.

And throughout the entire country it would seem that, that very important section of the public known as "the man in the street"—careful very little about a country, the success and industrial development of which, was in no small measure associated with his own well being.

While it is true many people followed the China position fairly closely, they were with few exceptions those who were more or less directly interested in the country, and in the large majority of cases, men who had actually been out here. I have previously said that politics and commerce are inseparable in this country, and I do not doubt but that very considerable energy has already been displayed by various bodies at Home and in the Far East to bring the mind of the British public in line with the true state of affairs which has existed during recent troubles.

The suggestion, however, which I have to make is in no way connected with politics; this is a Chamber of Commerce, and I think you will agree with me Gentlemen that the less we are drawn into political issues the better.

It is, of course, understood that the most common form of publicity is that through the medium of the public press. I venture the opinion, however, that this is not sufficiently far-reaching at Home.

While it is true that those directly interested in China will scan an article in a newspaper under the heading of "China Affairs" or some such headline, it is doubtful whether the large majority of the commercial and working class take much notice of it.

I would like therefore to submit a suggestion for the consideration of the Committee.
An Innovation.
I am fully conscious of the fact that it may be regarded as somewhat of an innovation, and at first sight may not be acceptable. I would ask, however, that in due course it be considered and dealt with on its merits.

As you are well aware throughout the British Isles, and more particularly in the large industrial towns, there are associations very often called Literary and Debating Societies. Sometimes they go under the name of Reading Circles. Generally speaking, they are formed by the upper, middle, and working classes, to advance their own worldly knowledge, and the backbone of the scheme is the preparation of a syllabus including addresses by professional lecturers on all subjects of common interest.

This has been found to be a most effective and pleasant means of bringing home, where it is wanted, information with regard to the nations and peoples of the World. There are few towns or even villages which have not got an organization such as I mention, and in the case of large industrial centres the preparations for the winter months are made on a very elaborate scale.

I had occasion when at Home, at very short notice, to provide at a small and unimportant meeting such as I have described, and curiously enough the subject of the lecture was China. His discourse was assisted by magic lantern slides of a somewhat antiquated order. He, however, made most efficient use of the material at his disposal.

In conversation with him I subsequently ascertained he had only been in China for three months, but he certainly in that time seemed to have covered a great deal of ground. This leads up to my suggestion.

Granted that you agree it is desirable for all classes in the Home Countries to really grasp the possibilities in China, particularly from a commercial standpoint, it seems to me that it would be possible, with the help of other Chambers of Commerce, and of the very influential Eastern Committee just appointed at Home, to prepare data for a series of lectures dealing with China, its industries, its people, and its potential development; such lectures to be supported by photographs and possibly motion pictures. It could then be arranged with certain associations, which understand and are in touch with professional lecturers, to include our China papers in their repertoire.

It might, of course, be possible to secure the voluntary services of those who have actually been out here, and who could speak with personal knowledge of their subject.

This, and various other important points of detail would have to be duly considered, and I am now merely throwing out the skeleton suggestion, but would further add, that in my opinion the expense would not be great, and the benefits, both direct and indirect considerable, both in the near future and in the years to come. (Applause)

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Canton-Hongkong Negotiations.
Addressing the chairman and members, His Excellency said: "I have listened with great interest to the speeches which have been made by yourself and Mr. Sutherland, and I shall give careful thought to what I have heard. I thank you very cordially for inviting me to come here, for I value very highly an opportunity of exchanging views with the chief representatives of the mercantile community of Hongkong."

I shall always be glad to come when commercial matters of vital importance to the life of the Colony are under discussion, in order that I may have first hand information concerning the views of business men. There should be no barrier between the Government of Hongkong and the merchants of Hongkong. (Applause)

On the contrary there should be full confidence and complete mutual understanding between us. It might not always be advisable to meet in public for heart to heart talks but we can always meet in private for that purpose. I shall place myself freely at your disposal at all times. (Applause)

Hongkong is a place of world wide importance because of its ocean-borne commerce and we may well be thankful that the commercial greatness of Hongkong rests on safe and durable foundations. Nature has placed at our disposal an asset of priceless value, the wonderful Hongkong harbour. British enterprise developed the potentialities latent in this generous gift of nature to mankind, with the result that Hongkong is one of the largest shipping centres in the whole world with every modern facility for the wharfage, docking, building and repairing of ships as well as for the loading, warehousing and discharging of cargo.

Moreover, nature has placed this harbour at the mouth of the West River which, with its tributaries, forms the main highway for the two Chinese provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, which are inhabited by teeming millions of most industrious, capable and peace loving people, shrewd and upright in their commercial transactions. (Applause)

Canton, the chief city of these provinces, is within a 100 miles of us and Hongkong is its deep sea port. No arbitrary human efforts can possibly change these immutable facts of Nature and therefore nature herself dictates the closest and most intimate and friendly co-operation with Canton. The spirit of friendship and co-operation with Canton has been traditional in this Colony and we have always been the best of friends with our neighbours on Kwangtung and Kwangsi. I am confident that that spirit still exists and will still endure in spite of artificial and superficial barriers of enmity created by Bolshevist manipulation of a party of unemployed and probably unemployable, never-do-wells whose tyranny is as distasteful to Canton as it is to us. (Loud applause)

Hopeful Outlook.
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This has been found to be a most effective and pleasant means of bringing home, where it is wanted, information with regard to the nations and peoples of the World. There are few towns or even villages which have not got an organization such as I mention, and in the case of large industrial centres the preparations for the winter months are made on a very elaborate scale.

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In conversation with him I subsequently ascertained he had only been in China for three months, but he certainly in that time seemed to have covered a great deal of ground. This leads up to my suggestion.

Granted that you agree it is desirable for all classes in the Home Countries to really grasp the possibilities in China, particularly from a commercial standpoint, it seems to me that it would be possible, with the help of other Chambers of Commerce, and of the very influential Eastern Committee just appointed at Home, to prepare data for a series of lectures dealing with China, its industries, its people, and its potential development; such lectures to be supported by photographs and possibly motion pictures. It could then be arranged with certain associations, which understand and are in touch with professional lecturers, to include our China papers in their repertoire.

It might, of course, be possible to secure the voluntary services of those who have actually been out here, and who could speak with personal knowledge of their subject.

This, and various other important points of detail would have to be duly considered, and I am now merely throwing out the skeleton suggestion, but would further add, that in my opinion the expense would not be great, and the benefits, both direct and indirect considerable, both in the near future and in the years to come. (Applause)

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Canton-Hongkong Negotiations.

Addressing the chairman and members, His Excellency said: "I have listened with great interest to the speeches which have been made by yourself and Mr. Sutherland, and I shall give careful thought to what I have heard. I thank you very cordially for inviting me to come here, for I value very highly an opportunity of exchanging views with the chief representatives of the mercantile community of Hongkong."

I shall always be glad to come when commercial matters of vital importance to the life of the Colony are under discussion, in order that I may have first hand information concerning the views of business men. There should be no barrier between the Government of Hongkong and the merchants of Hongkong. (Applause)

On the contrary there should be full confidence and complete mutual understanding between us. It might not always be advisable to meet in public for heart to heart talks but we can always meet in private for that purpose. I shall place myself freely at your disposal at all times. (Applause)

Hongkong is a place of world wide importance because of its ocean-borne commerce and we may well be thankful that the commercial greatness of Hongkong rests on safe and durable foundations. Nature has placed at our disposal an asset of priceless value, the wonderful Hongkong harbour. British enterprise developed the potentialities latent in this generous gift of nature to mankind, with the result that Hongkong is one of the largest shipping centres in the whole world with every modern facility for the wharfage, docking, building and repairing of ships as well as for the loading, warehousing and discharging of cargo.

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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

SHIELD SEMI-FINALS
TO-MORROW.

[BY "WANDERER"]

Finalists a season ago, the Police and Kowloon, who contest one of the semi-finals of the Hongkong F.A. Shield Competition to-morrow afternoon, are the only sides competing which reached the corresponding stage last year. The Club de Recreio who play the Surrey on the Club ground are making their debut in the competition and there are many who favour their prospects against the side which lost to the Police in the first round of last season's competition.

In a League match on Wednesday, the only occasion on which the Surrey and the Recreio have met this season so far, the Surrey defeated the Portuguese side by three goals to one, but those who saw the game, and I was unaware of the fixture, considered the Recreio a trifle unlucky to suffer the loss of both points, and afterwards stated that the newcomers to senior circles adapted themselves better to the existing conditions. Provided the rain holds off, however, the Club ground will be firmer and more conducive to good football than the Sookumpoo pitch could be at any time, and under those circumstances I rather fancy the chances of the soldiers, who appear to have settled down to consistent performance of late.

Their forward line has not been in such deadly form in the shooting area for some time past, and under suitable conditions last Saturday they played havoc with the morale of the South China team. If the Surrey reproduce that form against the Club de Recreio to-morrow I have little doubt as to how the game will go.

At Sookumpoo the Kowloon contingent will watch with interest the effect of the re-shuffling of the side against stiffer opposition than that presented by the Tamar last week. The Police are confident of their ability to defeat the side which has such a poor away record. Sims will lead the Kowloon forward line and on his right hand he will have the opportunist, Spary, and on his left George Duncan. Millard, the dashing centre-forward of the Second eleven will perform on the right wing.

It promises little in the way of football par excellence but the match can be guaranteed to produce a typical cup-tie struggle. Much depends on Kowloon's ability to forget their grass plot in Chatham Road, and with the new blood infused into the attack, they should qualify for the final for the fourth successive season.

The only league fixtures are two junior games in which the South China eleven are concerned. Full fixtures, grounds and times of kick-off are appended:

Senior Shield, Semi-Finals.	
Kowloon v. Police—Sookumpoo	4.15 p.m.
Surrey v. Recreio—Club	4.15 p.m.
Junior Division "A."	
S. China "A" v. Drums—Club	3 p.m.
Junior Division "B."	
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LEAGUE TABLES.

The Hongkong Football League tables to date are as follows:—

Senior Division.	
P.W.D.L.F.A.Pts.	
Kowloon	12 9 2 1 39 9 19
Surreys	12 8 2 2 31 10 18
Hongkong F.C.	13 7 4 2 14 12 16
South China	10 5 3 2 10 11 12
Recreio	11 4 6 1 22 25 9
R.A.	12 3 6 3 16 29 9
Police	13 3 8 2 12 20 8
Tamar	13 2 10 1 9 37 5
Junior Division "A."	
Kowloon Res.	12 8 3 2 29 9 18
S. China "A"	10 8 1 1 18 6 17
Surrey Res.	12 7 2 3 42 10 17
R.A.	12 4 4 4 15 20 12
St. Joseph's Res.	12 3 6 3 15 31 9
Drums	11 3 8 0 14 25 6
Recreio "A"	11 0 10 1 9 41 1
Junior Division "B."	
Moslem "A"	12 8 3 1 34 15 17
University	11 7 3 1 36 19 15
S. China "C"	8 6 0 2 20 8 14
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Kowloon "B"	11 0 10 1 6 23 1

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT.

The Portuguese team from Shanghai is due here by the S.S. President Cleveland on the 31st instant. It comprises Messrs. A. Allanson, H. Favacho, C. Passos, A. Sequeira, M. Sequeira, C. Favacho, R. Favacho, H. Collaco, V. Gonsalves, L. Marcal and H. Ribeiro. Reserves: P. Costa and J. Lima. Representative—M. Leitao. Manager:—M. Campos.

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Portuguese against Shanghai:—I. Fernandez, W. Ogley, P. Xavier, C. Remedios, A. Remedios, A. Guterres, A. Fuentres, J. Silva, A. Gosano (Capt.), L. A. Rocha and A. Brown.

The following have been chosen to represent the Colony against Portugal on Easter Monday:—Clark (Police), Wheeler (Kowloon), Wynne (Police), Leung Yuk-tong (S. C. A. A.), Howard (Capt.), Lam Yuk-ying (S. C. A. A.), Charlesworth (Surreys), Pullford (R. A.), Humberstone (Surreys), Butler (Surreys), Macklesworth (Surreys). Reserves:—Jordan (Surreys), Watson (Club) and King (Tamar).

The following have been chosen to represent South China against Portugal on Wednesday, 7th April:—Lau Hing-cheung, Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat, Lo Wai-man, Leung Yuk-tong (Capt.), Lam Yuk-ying, Ko Sik-wai, Leung Wing-tak, Chan So, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-ku. Reserves:—Wong Pak-chung, Ip Kau-ko, Chan Woon-ying, Pang Kam-ying.

When playing against the Rest and South China, Portugal will be represented by a team selected from Hongkong and Shanghai.

Booking is open at Anderson's the price for covered stand being \$1 and the open stand at 50 cents.

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD REFUTE CHARGE OF STALENESS.

London, March 25. During the final week before the Boat Race the practice of both crews has consisted of light work. Even so, the Oxford crew is criticised from the viewpoint of staleness. However, they refuted this to-day by rowing from Hamersmith Bridge to the mile post in 2 min. 57 secs., which is three seconds outside the records. The Cambridge spare man has settled down well and there are indications of a keen struggle. The start is fixed for 12.30 p.m.—*Reuter*.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, March 25. The following are to-day's results in the English League:—
First Division.—Tottenham 1, Newcastle 0.
Second Division.—Preston 2, Fulham 1.
Third Division (South).—Charlton 0, Plymouth 5.
Third Division (North).—Grimsby 2, Crewe 0.—*Reuter*.

FANLING HUNT.

GOOD ENTRIES FOR STEEPCHASES.

The entries for the Fanling Hunt Steepchases on Easter Monday are rather better than those of the previous meeting, and, with the radical improvement effected on the course, an afternoon of excellent sport is assured.

For the first race, which is due to start at noon, the Causeway Bay Handicap, there are ten entries; for the second race, the Open Lightweight Race, there are fourteen entries; for the Open Heavyweight Race, at 2.30 p.m., fourteen entrants; the Hunt Steepchase Handicap, at 3.15 p.m., sixteen; and for the United Services Race, at four o'clock, there are seventeen entries.

FANLING HOUNDS.

The hounds will meet; Saturday, March 27th.—Sheung Shui Police Station at 3 p.m. Foxhunting.
Sunday March 28th.—Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads at 10.45 a.m. Chag.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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He hoped that the difficulties now confronting the Colony would continue to be dealt with in the firm and wise manner which had been so ably set forth. (Applause.) The report and accounts were then approved and adopted.

The Chairman said that before proceeding with the formal business he would like to convey the thanks of the meeting to His Excellency for his presence and for the extremely interesting address he had just delivered. His remarks would provide food for thought. (Applause.)

The election by the Committee of Messrs J. H. Backhouse and Co. Ltd., to membership of the Chamber was confirmed.

Trade Statistics. The Chairman then introduced a discussion on the subject of the Chamber's request to the Government that the Statistical Department, closed last September, be re-established. He believed the Government's view was that the expense involved was not justified unless merchants could demonstrate that the Department was essential.

He regarded the Statistical Office much in the same light as the Meteorological Department. Neither department should be judged by the financial returns of its working.

Just as meteorological reports were essential to shipping, so trade statistics were essential as an index of the Colony's trade, both to business firms in Hongkong and to Home manufacturers, to whom it was essential to know the trend of commerce and the directions from which competition was being experienced.

In fact he felt that the Government would be justified in asking for an Imperial contribution towards the cost, having regard to the value of the figures to the manufacturers of Great Britain. He still contended that the Department ought to be run at considerably lower cost than the Government estimated.

Inaccurate Figures. Mr. G. W. Sewell doubted whether the expenditure on Statistics was justifiable, especially as Hongkong was purely a distributing centre. In his experience far more valuable—in fact all necessary—information could be obtained from Chinese brokers. Mr. Sewell also indulged in some humorous remarks about people with whom statistics were a disservice.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang said he agreed with Mr. Sewell. The Government had admitted that the figures supplied by the Statistical Department were inaccurate, and inaccurate figures were not worth paying for. He understood that only 247 copies of the Statistical Returns were purchased by merchants, and of these, 60 were bought by one firm.

Mr. G. M. Young said he looked upon a Colony calling itself a trading Colony and not keeping statistics in the same category as a firm which kept no books (Hear, hear).

Competition Dangle. Mr. L. M. Whyte said he was of the opinion that the statistics should be resumed. He had found them extremely useful, though he thought that the system of collecting them might be simplified by permitting firms to make a weekly return instead of making a declaration in respect of each shipment, imported or exported.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes urged the re-establishment of the Department. He had found the statistics invaluable, and had often profited by the information to be derived from them. Without statistics merchants were in danger of allowing competing countries to get the better of them, and were working entirely in the dark. In his experience information to be obtained from brokers was not comparable in value to that afforded by trade statistics.

He strongly supported the suggestion that the Department be revived, although he was of the opinion that it could be run on more efficient and more economical lines.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland pointed out that all members of the Piece-Goods Sub-Committee were in favour of the retention of the Trade Returns, and he personally attached great importance to it.

Vote in Favour. The Chairman at the request of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang mentioned that the Shipping sub-Committee

LAWN TENNIS.

FURTHER MATCHES IN THE TOURNAMENT.

Further progress was made in the tennis tournament yesterday, and some interesting open doubles games were seen.

Considerable interest centred in the match between A. S. Humphreys and R. E. Tottenham, and Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. West. The former pair won after an exciting match.

Scoring fluctuated a good deal, and the last set was concluded at 8-6. Tottenham excelled in driving, playing low over the net and scoring freely with these strokes. His service was at fault at times however, and in one game in the last set he served three doubles in succession.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo won their match against Yamada and Edo, and this also provided many features of interest. The latter pair played up strongly in the second set and were beaten at 7-5. In the other two sets, however, they only won two games.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Doubles.—A. S. Humphreys and R. E. Tottenham beat Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 8-6. I. Newton and J. C. Broome beat Lu Tak-cheuk and Lam Man-kwong, 6-4, 6-3. M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo beat T. Yamada and E. Edo, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2. Major, H. R. Edwards and J. R. Craig beat Cheong Tuck-wing and Leong Ho-ying, 2-6, 6-3, 8-6, 6-3. E. da Souza and F. Ribeiro beat A. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—O. C. Womack and Mrs. E. R. Childs (owe 1/6) beat J. Hall and Mrs. Hall (scr.), 6-2, 6-2.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles.—N. Nomura v. J. R. Craig, Lo v. Major Hattersley Smith, Lim, Peng-chin v. W. B. Cornaby, Major W. B. Stevenson v. Hung Hual-chen.

Handicap Doubles.—A. K. MacKenzie and A. C. I. Bowker v. A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer, H. C. Gould and R. C. Cobb v. A. H. Crook and C. C. Womack.

Open Doubles.—E. C. Fincher and E. Fincher v. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun.

Club Singles.—R. E. Tottenham v. J. A. Summers.

Handicap Singles "A."—H. J. Armstrong v. D. S. Green.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

PRELIMINARY HEATS DECIDED.

The preliminary heats in connection with the annual meeting of the Hongkong University Athletic Association were run off on Wednesday when the finals of kicking the football and throwing the cricket ball were decided.

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Mr. W. L. Pattenden said he would like to be assured that the statistics could be made more accurate before voting in favour of their resumption.

The following resolution was then put to the meeting:—That the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in annual meeting assembled, desire to express the opinion that it is of great importance to commercial interests that accurate statistics of trade be maintained and earnestly request the Colonial Government to re-establish the Statistical Department as soon as possible.

On a show of hands there vote 13 For, 36 Against, 13.

The motion was declared carried.

The Committee's Work.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson proposed the election of the following to the Committee for the ensuing year: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. A. H. Barlow, W. H. Bell, D. G. M. Bernard, J. Owen Hughes, Paul Launder, J. A. Plummer, T. C. Weall, and G. M. Young.

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for the way in which they had looked after the general interests and had done everything possible to facilitate the settlement which they all hoped was in sight.

Tribute to Mr. Holyoak. Mr. F. A. Perry seconded, and the motion was carried, the Chairman briefly acknowledging Mr. Ferguson's remarks on behalf of himself and the Committee.

Before the meeting dispersed, Mr. D. H. Cameron took the opportunity to move a special vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee for the strenuous work of the past year.

Mr. Holyoak was shortly going on leave on account of ill-health which had been largely brought about by the difficult and anxious duties which had fallen to his lot as Chairman of the Chamber during the past year. He hoped Mr. Holyoak would soon return in renewed health.

The meeting received the motion with loud applause.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cameron for his remarks and the Committee for their support during a year of exceptional difficulty.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was elected chairman for the year, and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang vice-chairman.

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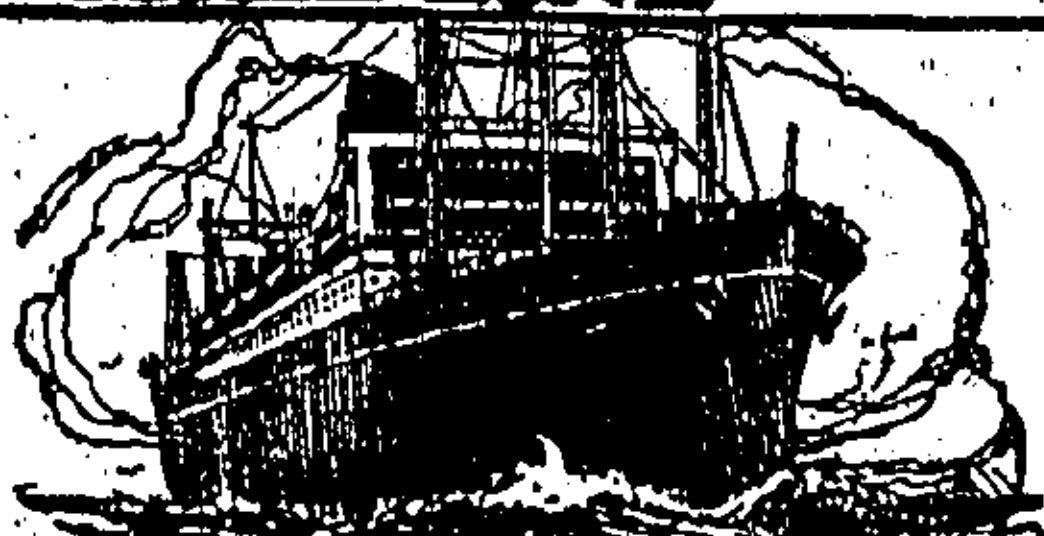
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Jun. 11	Jun. 14	Jun. 16	Jun. 19	Jun. 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jun. 24	Jun. 27	Jun. 30	Jul. 3	Jul. 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jul. 9	Jul. 12	Jul. 14	Jul. 17	Jul. 26
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jul. 22	Jul. 25	Jul. 28	Jul. 31	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
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FEWER PURSES.

ONE EFFECT OF TREASURY NOTES.

The hope expressed by Sir Felix Schuster, at the annual meeting of the National Provincial Bank, that before many years we shall have sovereigns once more in circulation raises the interesting question whether the public generally will welcome the restoration and return to the habit of carrying purses, which practically died out with the disappearance of gold. "The demand for sovereigns will perhaps not be so heavy, as the public have learned the use of the one pound note," said Sir Felix, "but I am rather a believer in a reserve in the pockets of the people."

The manager of Messrs. John Pound and Co. informed a representative of *The Observer* that the sale of purses declined 75 per cent. when sovereigns were withdrawn. "Up to that time," he said, "men used to carry what is known as the pigskin Portsea purse, with sovereigns in one division and silver in the other, coppers being carried loose in the pocket. A few carried metal sovereign-cases attached to their watch-chain—a thing we are never asked for now. The sale of the sovereign case has been taken by that of the note-case, which still sells freely. Women, of course, have always carried purses, either in their handbag or attached to it by a chain; but even women have not been buying purses to the same extent as formerly."

"Do I think that the return of the sovereign would bring back the purse to daily use? That is impossible to predict. I have heard many people say they would like to have gold back again, and there are also, on the other hand, many people who have got accustomed to Treasury notes and think they are more convenient. There is certainly no indication at present that the purse is again coming into favour with men."

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The plan is that of Mr. L. F. Sheppard, Borough Surveyor of Taunton, and the houses will be built in pairs.

Two sets of wooden shuttering are used, one stretching from the foundations to the first-floor level, and the other from the first-floor level to the roof.

When one building has been completed to the first-floor level, the shuttering is removed to the site of the next building. The second set of shuttering then comes into operation for the upper storey.

The houses are of the non-parlour type, with solid walls throughout, and the cost of £425 per house—including drains, fences, electric wiring, gaspoints, &c.—compares with £500 for a similar house in brick.

This figure of £425 works out at 10d. per super foot.

The 20 per cent. of skilled workmen include the carpenters working on the construction of the shuttering, timber joints, &c.

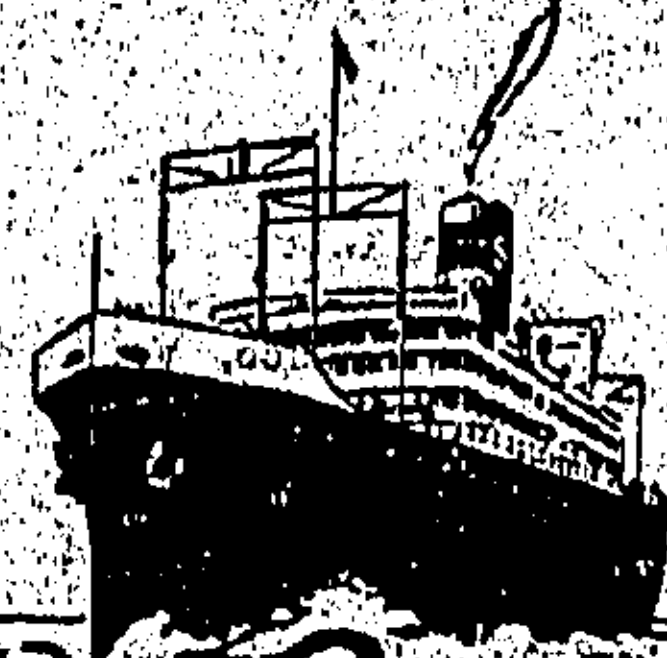
During the recent frost it was suggested that when the thaw came Mr. Sheppard's trial houses would be "swimming in water."

Mr. Sheppard offered the chairman of the Buildings Committee £1 for every drop of water found. The challenge was accepted, but not a drop was found.

An entirely new system of building houses by pouring concrete on slabs of specially prepared material was inspected by members of Manchester City Council on the Openhaw site. It is claimed that the system would probably solve the housing problem, not only of Manchester, but of the whole of the country.

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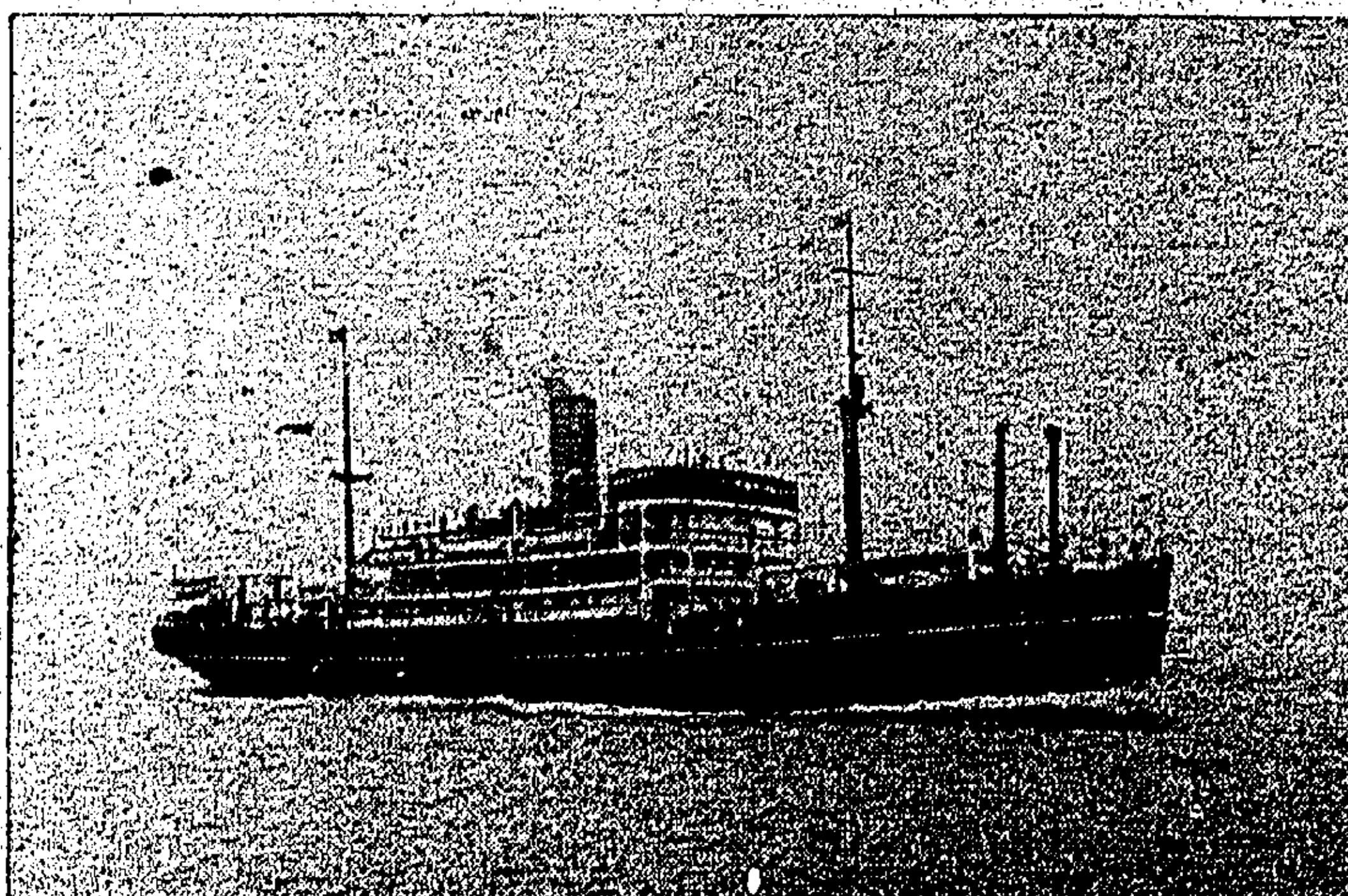
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ILLITERATE FILIPINOS

AN ISLANDWIDE CAMPAIGN
TO TEACH ADULTS

An islandwide campaign for the education of illiterate adults in the Philippine Islands has been discussed by the advisory board of the National Supreme Council, says the *Manila Bulletin*.

The council's committee on public instruction has drawn up a tentative plan as follows:

To teach all adults above 18 years of age reading and writing in the dialect of the locality, elementary Philippine history and civics and simple arithmetic before June 14, 1931.

To strengthen the basis of democratic social organization by increasing the number of literate citizens.

To strengthen the bonds of union of all the Filipinos by enabling everyone to read and write.

ORGANIZATION

The national supreme council will designate June 19, 1926, Rizal's Birthday, by proclamation, as the formal opening day of the campaign throughout the islands.

Civic parades and programmes will be organized in all municipalities on that day, by the local committee of the national solidarity, with the assistance of the principal of the central school and two public spirited citizens.

The provincial committee on national solidarity, together with two public spirited citizens appointed by the same, will constitute the provincial literacy board, and the municipal committee on national solidarity, together with two public spirited citizens, will constitute the municipal literacy board. They will be directly in charge of the literacy work in their respective jurisdictions.

Pledge.—The following pledge will be distributed to all intermediate, high school and university students: "Having received of my country the gift of education, I owe it to her to pass it on to others less fortunate than myself. I will, therefore, before this year is over, teach at least one illiterate adult how to read and write in my dialect. This I solemnly pledge myself to do with the help of God."

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The provincial and municipal literacy boards will also establish night schools to be known as "citizen schools" for the teaching of illiterate adults. These schools will be held during vacation months in order to utilize the services of the teachers and students, or, on moon-light nights only, during the months that the country people are not at work in the fields. Volunteer teachers of the citizen schools will contribute service to the national subscription campaign, in lieu of money, and will receive a certificate for the service.

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DEVANHA	8,135	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	20th April	M'les, Valencia, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Friday, 23rd Apr.
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TOTTORI MARU	Monday, 5th Apr.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Friday, 9th Apr.
MISHIMA MARU	Saturday, 10th Apr.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Saturday, 10th Apr.
AKITA MARU	Monday, 29th Mar.
HARUNA MARU	Monday, 5th Apr.
TOYOKU MARU	Friday, 9th Apr.
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The Steamship "BENARTY"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 13th April 1926 or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.

Agents,

Hongkong, 22nd Mar., 1926.

S. S. "LIEUTENANT SAINT LOUBERT BIE"

SERVICES CONTRACTS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Consignees of Cargo from Dunkerque, Antwerp, Middlesbrough, London, &c.

In connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 9 a.m. To day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of lading will be counter-signed by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 31st instant at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Saturday, the 3rd April or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 31st instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

No fire insurance has been effected.

C. R. MIOLLIS, Acting Agent.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

From NEW YORK

The Steamship

"CITY OF VALENCIA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders
issued by Major R. Melville Smith
state:

1.—ENGINEER COMPANY.

(a) Miniature Range at Corps
Headquarters is at the disposal of
the Engineer Company on Mon-
day, 29th March at 5.30 p.m.
(b) Musketry Course Part I. will
be fired at Stonecutters Range on
Sunday, 28th March.

Range Officer: 2nd-Lieut. F. W.
Foster-Turner.
Launch will leave Murray Pier
at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but
rifles, bayonets and pouches must
be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Head-
quarters on Friday, 26th March,
between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2
and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on
Saturday, 27th March between 9
a.m. and 1 p.m.

2.—ARTILLERY COMPANY AND

NO. 5 PLATOON.

Musketry Course Part I. will be
fired at Talkoo Rifle Range on
Sunday, 28th March at 9.30 a.m.
Range Officer: Capt. D. C. Logan,
M.C.

Dress: Uniform optional, but
rifles, bayonets and pouches must
be taken.

All members living at Tai-
koo may attend on this date.

3.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND

ARMOURD CAR COS.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Monday, 29th March, at 5.30
p.m. Vickers Gun Practice for the
Machine Gun competition.

Drivers as detailed by Lieut.
Corpl. Ramsay.

Musketry Instruction Classes
under Sergt. Watson and Shaw for
those who have been specially in-
structed to attend.

The Miniature Range at Corps
Headquarters is at the disposal of
the Mounted Infantry and Armoured
Car on Monday, 12th April, at
5.30 p.m.

4.—STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the
strength and posted as under:

No. 1035 Spr. S. C. Salter, En-
gineer Co., as from 22nd
March, 1926.

No. 1036 Pte. R. W. Barnett,
Armoured Car Co., as from
23rd March, 1926.

5.—PROMOTIONS.

H.E. the Governor has been
pleased to make the following pro-
motions in the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps, with effect from
the 16th March, 1926:

Lieut. Christopher Willson,
O.B.E., V.D., to be Captain.

Lieut. Wilfrid Brackenridge,
M.C., to be Captain.

Lieut. Donald Clement Logan,
M.C., to be Captain.

6.—REVERSION.

No. 981 Corpl. J. Reidy, Mounted
Infantry Co., is permitted to revert
to the rank of Pte. at his own re-
quest, as from 5th March, 1926.

7.—TRANSFERS.

The following are permitted to
transfer to the Reserve Co., as
from 5th March, 1926:

No. 981 Pte. J. Reidy, M.I. Co.
No. 436 Pte. W. J. Hinton, M.I.
Co.

8.—EFFICIENCY CUP.

The efficiency Cup for the Train-
ing Season of 1926 has been won
by the Artillery Co.

9.—LEAVE.

No. 823 Pte. J. F. Kennedy, No.
7 Platoon, is granted 7 months
leave from 20th March, 1926, to
19th October, 1926.

No. 729 Pte. N. R. Mahomed, No.
4 Platoon, is granted 2 months
leave from 17th March, 1926, to
16th May, 1926.

10.—RESIGNATION.

No. 136 Pte. D. Keith, No. 6
Platoon, is permitted to resign
from the Corps, as from 19th
March, 1926.

11.—STRUCK OFF.

The following is struck off the
strength, as from 12th March,
1926:—No. 926 Pte. A. Melbye,
Armoured Car Co.

L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

Rifle Meeting.

Members wishing to have tiffin
provided for them on the 4th and
5th April must inform the Hon.
Secretary, Rifle Meeting not later
than 31st March, and enclose \$1.50
charge for each tiffin.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1926.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted
from the Telegraph files for the
week ended March 18, 1905:—
The rate of the dollar was 1s.
10.3/8. on demand.

The annual report of the Hong-
kong Hotel Co., Ltd., showed a pro-
fit on working account of \$39,826,
from which it was proposed to pay
a dividend of ten per cent. and
carry forward \$3,558. Mr. W. Hut-
ton Potts was the Chairman of the
Company.

Volunteer Orders state that Bom-
bardier C. H. Elson has resigned
and Messrs. N. J. Stabb and M.
Stewart joined.

It is intimated that provided
fifty Volunteers signify their will-
ingness to join, a Volunteer Rifle
Club will be formed.

Rural Building Lot 121, situate
on Barker Road, and comprising
29,416 square feet, was sold by
auction, being purchased by Messrs.
Penison, Ram and Gibb, on behalf
of Capt. J. T. Douglas, for \$3,550.

The return to the Colony, after
his eleventh trip round the world,
of Mr. Findlay Smith, is recorded.
In this connection extended refer-
ence is made to the new Peak
Tramway system which this
gentleman intended establishing,
it being stated that the route
would be up Ice House Street, past
Sir Paul Charter's residence and
thence to a point near the old
tram terminus. It is stated that
during his world trip Mr.
Findlay Smith had visited every
known mountain railway and that
the new system would be the latest
of its kind. (It should be noted
that this concession was later
purchased by the Peak Tramway
Company, and the project never
put into effect).

The arrival in the Colony of Mr.
J. L. MacPherson, to be Secretary
of the European branch of the
Y.M.C.A., was marked by a wel-
come meeting in the Association's
rooms, at which an address was
read by the Hon. Mr. F. H. May,
C.M.G.

At the annual meeting of the
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.,
presided over by the Hon. Mr. W.
J. Gresson, approval was given to
a final dividend of \$15, making
\$20 for the year, with a carry-
forward of \$42,812.

It is notified that Mr. C. S. (now
Sir Charles) Addis has been ap-
pointed to assist Mr. A. M. Town-
send in the management of the
London branch of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank.

Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co.
notify that the Yangtze Insur-
ance Association, Ltd., propose
declaring a dividend of 25 per
cent., and appropriating \$50,000
to reserve.

Mr. Frank Browne, Government
Analyst, gave a lecture at the
Union Church Literary Club on
"Radium."

The Hongkong A. D. C. an-
nounce the forthcoming produc-
tion of the comedy "One Summer's
Day." Mr. Arthur Chapman is
named as Business Manager.

Mr. F. J. Badeley, Captain
Superintendent of Police, intimates
in his annual report that he
has introduced the finger-print
system at Victoria Gaol, all pri-
soners being subject thereto on
admission.

London, Feb. 6.—Under the
caption "Why not a Coolidge
doctrine?" the Spectator makes
the novel suggestion that Presi-
dent Coolidge, by a message to
Congress, or otherwise, openly
should inform the world what is
America's attitude towards the
eternal problem of "last resort."
The Spectator suggests that the
United States should act as a
"bulldog" outside the League
of Nations and lay down that
wherever there is a breaker of the
peace who refuses to recognize
the sanctity of a treaty concluded
between Powers, there America
sees an enemy to mankind. On
the other hand, the paper says, it
should be emphasized that
wherever America finds a
follower of peace, there she re-
cognizes a friend and fellow
worker.

MAN'S ANTIQUATED VIEWS.

BUT WOMAN DOCTOR DEFENDS THEM.

Man's "out-of-date" views about
women were attacked by Mr. Har-
bert Morrison, a member of the
L. C. C., during a debate on
married women teachers. Ironi-
cally enough, Mr. Morrison's
opponent was a woman doctor—
Dr. Barrie Lambert.

The exclusion of married
women teachers, said Mr. Morri-
son, was due to an entirely anti-
quated outlook.

It was perpetuating the idea
that woman was a chattel who,
when she married, must put up
with the consequences and with-
draw from public activities, and
confine herself to the upbringing
of children and the darning of
her husband's socks. It was a
horrible idea.

Dr. Barrie Lambert asked what
would be the condition of a
married woman teaching a class
after she had been walking about
all night with a crying baby.

"Even the most modern of
babies cried," she added.
A recommendation that married
women, with certain exceptions,
should not be employed in the
schools and in other positions was
carried.

A NEW MELBA.

10,000 PEOPLE STORM OPERA HOUSE.

New York, Feb. 18.—A crowd of
ten thousand people, mostly
women, besieged the Metropolitan
Opera House last night and tried
to break through the police lines
and storm the barriers in order
to enter the theatre to hear the
debut of Miss Marion Talley, the
nineteen-year-old girl from
Kansas City, who sang the role
of Gilda in "Rigoletto" on her
first appearance in New York.

Miss Talley was hailed as a new
Melba. Several hundreds of her
friends chartered a special train
from Kansas City and drove round
New York yesterday booming Miss
Talley as the world's greatest
operatic star.

Newspapers printed many
columns of advance notices which
caused a species of hysteria among
women opera lovers.

Miss Talley was accorded an
unprecedented ovation, and was
recalled numerous times during
the progress of the opera, cul-
minating in twenty curtain calls
after the final act and breaking
all previous records.

The critics say Miss Talley has
a beautiful voice and an admir-
able stage presence, but is not
fully trained, and that she re-
quires five years' further study
before reaching her prime.

CHINA SUGARS.

A BIG DEFICIT.

The accounts of the China
Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., for the
year ended 31st December, 1925,
have been closed, and show a debit
balance of \$1,503,955.86, which
includes the sum of \$32,155.28
brought forward from the previ-
ous year.

London.—A vigorous campaign
to make Great Britain "dry" has
been started by the United King-
dom Alliance, England's counter-
part of the Anti-Saloon League.
Following American tactics, it
will concentrate the first part of
its drive on local option. "Prohibi-
tion will come in time," said
George B. Wilson, the Secretary,
"though, of course, nobody
can say how soon. Public
sentiment is growing every day
in favour of it. Indifference was
our worst enemy before the war,
but now people are either active-
ly for or against liquor. Local
option must come first and pro-
hibition must follow as a result
of education, for it would be
foolish to suppress the liquor
traffic otherwise than by the will
of the people."

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s.3.5/16d.
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Barometer (2 p.m.) 30.20
Humidity (2 p.m.) 84°

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,055 n.
Chartered, \$214 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$30 b.
Mercantile C., \$134 b.
P. and O., \$294 n.
East Asia, \$79 b.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$320 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.75 sa.
North China, \$145 n.
Unions, \$283 s.
Yangtze, \$444 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fire, \$165 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$570 sa.

Shipping

Douglas, \$28 sa.
Steamboats, \$24 b.
Tugs, \$24 n.
Indo-China, \$33 n.
Shell Trans., \$7.9 b.
Star Forties, \$614 sa.
Waterboats, \$15 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries

China Sugars, \$27 s.
Malabons, \$35 sa.

Mining

Benguet, \$150 b.
Kailash, \$26 b.
Langkai, \$14.23 b.
Shai Explorations, \$15.500 s.
Shanghai Loans, \$17 n.
Rauba, \$5.00 b.
Tronoh, \$14 b.
Ural Caspian, \$9 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$128 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$62 n.
Hongkows, \$1624 b.
New Engineerings, \$144 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$102 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.75 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$624 b.
Realty, \$54 b.
Territorials, \$54 s.
Humphreys, \$144 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$100 sa.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons

Ewos, \$15.925 b.
Orientals, \$15.3 n.
Shai Cottons, \$15.524 b.

Miscellaneous

Amusements, \$114 b.
Canton Ice, \$74 n.
Cement, \$154 sa.
China Buses, \$15.104 b.
China Lights, \$214 b.
China Prov., \$7.50 n.
Constructions, \$24 s.
Dairy Farms, \$24 s.
Der A. Wing, \$1